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Shanghai and Tientsin Municipalities, Liaoning, Kirin, Heilungkiang, Hopei and Shansi Provinces and Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee, and PLA Peking and Shenyang Units Respectively Write Letter and Send Message of Salute to Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and Its Military Commission

(Peking Jen-min Jih-pao, Oct. 28, 1976)

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, one million armymen and civilians of Shanghai municipality, are filled with joy and pride and hold an enthusiastic, ceremonious and solemn rally to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and its Military Commission and to hail the great victory of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua in smashing by a single blow the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power! We heartily hail the quick realization of the wise decision made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he passed away! Even if the skies were paper and the water of Huangp'u River were ink, they are not sufficient for writing the matchless excitement and happiness which these two items of happy news have brought to the armymen and civilians throughout Shanghai municipality. Thousands of words boil down to this: We wholly trust and firmly support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, firmly implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and pledge to carry the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee! The smashing of the anti-Party "gang of four" by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng reflects the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole Army and people of all nationalities throughout the country as well as the ardent wishes and revolutionary demands of the 10 million Shanghai armymen and civilians. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying out Chairman Mao's behest, has made a wise decision and taken resolute measures to eliminate a bane for our Party. This has been a great example of bringing into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought! This is of great immediate significance and far-reaching historical significance to our Party in upholding the basic line and policies charted by Chairman Mao for the Party for the entire historical period of socialism, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat in China, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism in the future. The armymen and civilians throughout the municipality sing praises in unison: "Chairman Hua has been very wise in eliminating the 'four pests' for the people." "Smashing the 'gang of four' brings greater prosperity to our Party!" The smashing of the scheme of the anti-Party "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power once again substantially

proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party, and as a great, glorious and correct party. It shows that the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao is thriving and has worthy successors; this proves that it is not easy for the class enemies whether at home or abroad, whether inside or outside the Party, to crush our Party and that they are doomed to failure!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee! The whole of Shanghai municipality seethed with joy as soon as it learned of the extraordinarily happy news of the complete smashing of the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power! In the past few days, the ten million armymen and civilians of the whole municipality gathered in streets and held parades, warmly celebrating Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission, to warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, and to angrily denounce the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. The workers, the poor and lower-middle peasants, the commanders and fighters of the Liberation Army, the militiamen, the revolutionary cadres and revolutionary intellectuals, the Red Guards and Little Red Soldiers, and the laboring people in other fields unanimously came forward in wrath. Mighty contingents formed an irresistible revolutionary current, flowing on and on; beating of drums and cymbals, sputtering of firecrackers and shouting of slogans thundered on the banks of the Huangp'u River and reverberated in the skies. Tens of thousands of big-character posters were put up in the streets, bombarding the "gang of four" anti-Party clique. Angry waves of uncovering, criticizing and denouncing the towering crimes of the "gang of four" in usurping Party and state power swept all over the municipality with an irresistible force. The revolution is in an excellent situation! During the days of jubilantly celebrating the great victory, the people of the whole municipality, firmly answering the call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, have started a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. In factories and wharves, in military barracks and sentry boxes and in the rural communes and production teams, study meetings, propaganda meetings and broadcast meetings have been held with increasingly surging enthusiasm, displaying a vivid picture of the Shanghai armymen and civilians studying and practicing in the course of struggle. The great victory is forming a huge force motivating the broad masses of workers and poor and lower-middle peasants in Shanghai to go on carrying out the great mass movement of "In industry, learn from Tach'ing; in agriculture, learn from Tachai," to stick to their posts, to observe discipline, to tightly grasp revolution and vigorously promote production, to make strenuous efforts to do well the work in various fields, and to win a still greater victory in socialist revolution and construction.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee! The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is the most ferocious enemy of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and also the most ferocious enemy of the Shanghai people. For a long time, waving the flag of the "Left," they wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line in a series of problems on domestic and foreign affairs and opposed Chairman Mao's basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts." They were busy engaging in

sectarian activities of splitting the Party, usurping Party and state power, establishing their own system inside the Party, doing as they wished, lording it over others, and placing themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. Making use of the tool of public opinion in their hands, they distorted facts, put facts upside down and started rumors to swindle the masses. They put their nose into everything everywhere to stir up trouble, fabricated accusations against the responsible comrades of the Central and local Party and government organizations and privately pieced out evil "materials" against them, put to high posts those obeying them and oust those disagreeing with them, and plotted to usurp supreme leadership of the Party and the state. The crimes committed by the "gang of four" defy counting. They are out-and-out counter-revolutionary revisionists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party who suck the blood of the workers, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still taking the capitalist road. They are a bane to the country and the people. They have done all evils and have totally lost popular sympathy. They are extremely isolated from the people throughout the country and the Shanghai people. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has eliminated the "four pests." This is really a great delight to the people and has won popular support!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee! Shanghai is where the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China was born. The great leader Chairman Mao showed utmost concern for the working class and the revolutionary people of Shanghai before he passed away. Under the leadership of Chairman Mao and the Communist Party and the guidance of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, the working class and the revolutionary people of Shanghai who have honorable revolutionary traditions joined the people in other parts all over the country in waging a protracted, brave struggle and winning great victories in the new-democratic revolution and in socialist revolution. During the great proletarian cultural revolution, they whipped up the storm of the January Revolution under Chairman Mao's personal leadership and command. During the struggles to criticize Lin Piao and Confucius, to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and to repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, they greatly heightened their consciousness of class struggle and two-line struggle. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique have committed towering crimes against the people of the whole country and the Shanghai people. Like all other people in the country, the Shanghai people hate this gang of pests to the bone. Now, the Shanghai people's indignation is erupting like a volcano and the furious storms of the people's struggle are pounding the "gang of four" and putting it to rout. The Chinese People's Liberation Army and the militia are the people's armed forces founded by the great leader Chairman Mao himself and are a strong pillar of the dictatorship of the proletariat. The "gang of four" anti-Party clique frenziedly attempted to usurp Party and state power, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. The broad masses of the PLA commanders and fighters and the militiamen of Shanghai are extremely indignant at this. They are determined to struggle against the "gang of four" through to the end!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua! The great victory in crushing the anti-Party "gang of four" fully proves that you are Chairman Mao's best and most trustworthy successor and that you are worthy of being the revolutionary leader of the 800 million people. To the Party Central Committee

headed by you, the 10 million armymen and civilians of Shanghai make this solemn vow: We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by you, obey its commands in all our actions and defend it with our blood and lives. We will fight resolutely to defeat anybody who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by you!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee! We are determined to live up to the Party Central Committee's warm solicitude and earnest hopes, resolutely carry out its directives, follow its strategic plans, keep to the general orientation of the struggle, unite with all the forces that can be united with, and concentrate fire in thoroughly exposing, repudiating and punishing the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four." The armymen and the people of Shanghai pledge to unite closely with the people in other parts of the country and completely shatter the criminal scheme of the "gang of four" to sow dissension and create splits. We will fight on till complete victory.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee! We have full confidence and are firm in determination. Resolutely answering the call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, we will carry out Chairman Mao's behests and adhere to the three basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, consolidate and develop the great gains of the great cultural revolution, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will go further to start a new upsurge in seriously studying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," make still greater efforts to do still better our work in all fields and to win still greater victories, so that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng may be at ease!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

March forward bravely under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

The rally held by Shanghai armymen and civilians to celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power

October 24, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

On behalf of the seven million people of Tientsin Municipality and all the commanders and fighters of the PLA units stationed in the municipality, we, with great excitement and elation, are holding a one million-strong grand rally today to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and to hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-chiao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

The armymen and people throughout the municipality have been in an extremely jubilant mood in the past few days. A revolutionary atmosphere of fighting in unity and triumph prevails everywhere on both banks of Haiho River, at the foot of Yenshan Mountain and from the city to the countryside. Full of revolutioary pride and emotion, elated crowds poured like torrents into the municipality's squares and streets from all directions. The beating of drums and cymbals and the splutter of firecrackers reverberated. The jubilant crowds played music and performed dances. Cheers and slogan-shouting thundered. With irrepressible happiness, people shouted again and again: "Firmly support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission!" "Hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the 'gang of four' to usurp Party and state power!"

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and of its Military Commission is in accordance with the arrangements made by our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before his death. This reflects in a concentrated way the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It is a reliable guarantee for us in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and carrying the proletarian revolutionary cause through to the end and a telling blow to the bourgeoisie in the Party and to all class enemies at home and abroad. This most effectively proves that the cause of our Party is thriving and that it has worthy successors. We have complete trust in the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and resolutely support it. We are firmly convinced that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng will certainly lead the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country in courageously advancing from victory to victory along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

After Chairman Mao passed away, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng promptly decided to establish a memorial hall for the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao Tse-tung, to publish the fifth volume of the Selected Works of Mao Tsetung, with other volumes to follow, and to prepare for the publication of the Collected Works of Mao Tsetung. These two wise decisions will enable us and our offspring to pay respects to Chairman Mao's remains, to honor the memory of his magnificent contributions, to study his brilliant works in an all-round way and to bear his great teachings firmly in mind. These two wise decisions are major events in the political life of the Chinese people and in the annals of the development of Marxism and the international communist movement. They are of tremendous political importance and far-reaching historical significance. The people of

Tientsin Municipality, like those in all other parts of the country, resolutely support the two wise decisions of the Party Central Committee.

As we were warmly acclaiming Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and hailing the two wise decisions of the Party Central Committee, other joyful news came from the Party Central Committee: In accordance with the wise decision made by Chairman Mao before his death, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng took resolute revolutionary measures and smashed at one blow the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thus ridding the Party of a grave hidden danger, ridding the country of serious pests and redressing the grievances of the people, much to the satisfaction of the people.

The careerists and conspirators Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan had long engaged in frantical and criminal activities to oppose the Party and to usurp state power. They wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions, opposed the basic principle of "three dos and three don'ts" set forth by Chairman Mao and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four" and engaged in factional activities to split the Party. They engaged in conspiracies in a big way in an attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. Should their plot succeed, the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China founded by Chairman Mao himself would turn into a revisionist party, a fascist party, the great People's Republic of China founded by Chairman Mao himself would change its political color and suffer historical regression, the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao would be destroyed and the 800 million Chinese people would suffer again. The "gang of four" is a bunch of big careerists, conspirators and traitors practicing revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, the most ferocious enemies hiding in our Party and the deadly enemies of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. We long ago discerned, hated and were infuriated at their criminal activities. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique has bared its fangs and run wild for a time, but it has lost all popular sympathy, is extremely isolated and feeble and is doomed to destruction.

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng smashed the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four". This is a great example of the application of Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. This has added another brilliant chapter to the history of the development of our Party. This great victory is of tremendous immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, upholding the Party's basic line and policies laid down by Chairman Mao, carrying the proletarian revolution through to the end and insuring that our Party and state will never change their political color, as well as for the international communist movement and the revolutionary cause of the people of the world.

Practice proves that the Communist Party of China founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself is a long steeled and tested, politically mature and great Marxist-Leninist party. Faithfully carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with us. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to obey its orders in all our actions and to uphold Chairman Mao's basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We are determined to fight the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to the finish. We are determined to study Marxist-Leninist works and Chairman Mao's works more assiduously, to hold aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, to act according to Chairman Mao's teaching "class struggle is the key link," to adhere to the Party's basic line, to combat and prevent revisionism, to continue criticizing Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulsing the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, to consolidate and develop the victories of the great proletarian cultural revolution and to wholeheartedly support new socialist things. With ever higher revolutionary enthusiasm, we are determined to make ever more vigorous revolutionary efforts to "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," to carry out well our work in all fields, to continue to develop the excellent situation and to win still greater victories in the socialist revolution and socialist construction.

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

The grand rally held in Tientsin municipality to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and to hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power

October 22, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we two and a half million armymen and people in Shenyang, filled with proletarian militant pride and sentiments, are holding a ceremonious rally to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and to warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. Like a spring thunder, this inspiring news of victory has spread all over Liaoning. From the banks of the Yalu River to the grasslands of Chao Uda League, from the shore of the Pohai Sea to both sides of the Liaoho River, a jubilant atmosphere has prevailed among the broad masses of Party members, people and PLA commanders and fighters. They resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and warmly hail the great victory in smashing the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. Thousands of times we hail: Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought! Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, adopted resolute measures to crush by one stroke the vicious scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby ridding the Party of a big evil. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full support. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a bunch of conspirators and careerists. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road and the fiercest enemies of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Should their counter-revolutionary scheme to restore capitalism succeed, it would mean serious disaster for the Chinese people. They have completely forfeited the confidence of the Party, the army and the people. They have committed towering crimes. Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. Crushing the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. The victory is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for our Party in upholding the basic line and policies formulated for the Party by Chairman Mao for the entire historical period of socialism, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat of our country, in preventing capitalist restoration and in building socialism. The great victory of this struggle fully proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered, and nurtured by our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist political party long tested in the fiery struggle between the two classes and between the two lines and as a great, glorious and correct party.

In joyously celebrating the great victory, we miss, love, and respect our great leader Chairman Mao still more deeply. Chairman Mao's kindness and loving care for us are higher than the sky and deeper than the sea.

With great insight and sharp fore-sight, he had already relentlessly exposed and penetratingly criticized the "gang of four" before he passed away. The series of his directives on the question of the "gang of four" is our powerful ideological weapon for shattering the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. In accordance with the arrangements made by Chairman Mao before his death, the CCP Central Committee adopted a resolution on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission. This resolution is very wise and correct. Carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has firmly and bravely defended Mao Tsetung Thought, faithfully implemented Chairman Mao's directives and crushed the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, thus guaranteeing that our Party will continue to advance bravely along the course charted by Chairman Mao. This is the greatest happiness of our whole Party, our whole army and our people of all nationalities throughout the country. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with all the people of the country. It has won our complete trust and resolute support and has further strengthened our confidence in a sure victory in carrying the revolutionary cause of the proletariat pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

We the broad masses of armymen and civilians of Liaoning Province, Shenyang PLA units and Shenyang Municiaplity resolutely respond to the Party Central Committee's call. We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and resolutely struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique in this great struggle to prevent our Party from turning revisionist and our country from changing its color. In this struggle, we will use Chairman Mao's three basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire" as a weapon to thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the "gang of four" in betraying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampering with Chairman Mao's directives, practicing revisionism and splittism engaging in intrigues and conspiracies, and usurping Party and state power. In the course of struggle, we will heighten our ability to distinguish genuine Marxism from sham Marxism and raise our awareness of class struggle and two-line struggle and of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will follow the Party Central Committee's order and obey its commands and carry the struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to the finish and until complete victory is won. We will use our blood and lives to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, Mao Tsetung Thought and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We will resolutely implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and his general and specific policies. We will heighten revolutionary vigilance and strictly prevent class enemies from spreading rumors and causing disturbances. We will suppress the counter-revolutionaries and those who engage in beating, smashing and looting. We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, whip up a new hightide of studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, adhere to the Party's basic line, take class struggle as the key link, combat and prevent revisionism, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the great victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, show concern for the well-being of

the masses, restrict bourgeois rights, support new socialist things, strive to do our work better in all fields, further develop the excellent situation, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat of our country, and carry the revolutionary cause of the proletariat pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end!

The grand rally of the army and the people in Shenyang to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and to warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 22, 1976

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, 500,000 comrades of Party, government and army organizations and people of Kirin Province and Changchun Municipality, are holding a grand rally to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. When these two items of extraordinarily happy news reached our province, all people--from leading comrades of the Party, government and army at various levels to the masses of workers, peasants and soldiers fighting on the forefront of the three great revolutionary struggles, from veteran revolutionary fighters who followed Chairman Mao in fighting in the south and the north to Red Guards who have matured during the great proletarian cultural revolution, from the people of various nationalities along the banks of the Hailan River and in the Khorchin grassland to the masses of revolutionary intellectuals and patriotic personages of various circles--are filled with emotion and pride and hailing in one voice the quick realization of the wise decision made by our great leader Chairman Mao before he passed away. On these two major events that have a vital bearing on the future and destiny of the Party and country, we have much to say from the bottom of our hearts to the Party. The 83 million revolutionary people of all nationalities of the whole province join as one in saying: The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with us.

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission in accordance with the arrangements made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he passed away reflects the common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country and shows that the cause of our Party is thriving and has worthy successors. This is a reliable guarantee for us to carry out Chairman Mao's behests and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause through to the end. The Party organizations at all levels, all the Party members and revolutionary people of all nationalities in Kirin Province express their determination most firmly: We will rally closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions. We will fight wherever the Party Central Committee wants us to. We will fight in unity against the enemy, continue the revolution and fight on to the end.

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan plotted long ago to usurp Party and state power. At the moment when the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao passed away and the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country were overwhelmed with immerse grief, they went so far as to defy the will of all the people, hastily came out into the open, and vigorously engaged in conspiratorial activities. They are truly mad to the extreme. To this we, all Party members and people of all nationalities in Kirin Province, express our most indignant denunciation. Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are a gang of renegades to the revolution, who, for all their fine words, stopped at no crime. They wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a whole series of domestic and international questions, betrayed Chairman Mao's basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," and vigorously practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four," frantically engaged in factional activities to split the Party, and were busy engaging in intrigues and conspiracies, vainly attempting to usurp supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They committed innumerable crimes, for which iron-clad proofs pile up mountain high. All this fully shows that they are out-and-out bourgeois conspirators and careerists, and are unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. Our struggle against them is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. If their scheme had succeeded, it would have meant the rise to power of the landlord and bourgeois classes and the rise to power of fascism, and our entire country would change its color. We will never allow the tragedy of the restoration of capitalism by Soviet revisionism to be repeated in China.

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan began their perverted actions long ago. They have created many grudges and have lost all popular sympathy. The whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country saw and hated what they were doing. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng took resolute measures against the "gang of four" in good time and rid the Party of a big evil. This is a great example of the application of Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. The despicable end of the "gang of four" is exactly what they deserve. It gives great satisfaction to the people and has the approval of the people. We wholeheartedly support this wise and resolute measure taken by the Party Central Committee. We, comrades of the Party, government and army organizations and the people of Kirin province, pledge to resolutely respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, to unswervingly take class struggle as the key link and to persistently continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We pledge, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to carry out resolute struggles against the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, to penetratingly expose and criticize their towering crimes in opposing the Party, the people and the revolution, to purge their remaining pernicious influence, to raise our consciousness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines and to improve our ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism. We are determined to take a

firm and clear-cut stand in the struggle, to seriously implement Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the various policies and principles of the Party Central Committee and to win total victory in the struggle. We are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, to hold aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and to whip up a new upsurge of studying the works of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao so that Mao Tsetung Thought will forever direct our struggle. We pledge to resolutely follow the three basic principles "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire" formulated by Chairman Mao, to firmly hold this powerful ideological weapon for defeating the bourgeoisie within the Party and to launch unremitting struggle against all words and deeds which violate these three basic principles.

We are determined to deepen criticism of Teng Hsiao-p'ing, to continuously repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, to persist in the principle of three-in-one combination of the old, the middle-aged and the young, to protect the new-born force which meets Chairman Mao's five criteria for successors, and the new socialist things, to restrict bourgeois rights and to consolidate and develop the victorious fruits of the great cultural revolution. Our province is situated on the anti-revisionist frontline. We are determined to heighten our revolutionary vigilance a hundredfold, strengthen preparations against war, step up militia building, reinforce frontier defense and be ready at all times to annihilate all enemies who dare to invade. We are determined to further strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and deal resolute blows at all sabotage activities of class enemies at home and abroad. Under the Party's centralized leadership, we pledge to strengthen army-government and army-people unity as well as the unity among the people of various nationalities in our province, to "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," to carry out all tasks with still better results, to develop the excellent situation, to take solid actions to defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the great socialist motherland, and to carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

The grand rally of Party, government and army organizations and people of Kirin province and Changchun municipality to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption of office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee, and to warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, 800,000 armymen and civilians of Heilungkiang province and Harbin municipality, are filled with immense joy and boundless excitement and hold grand celebrations to show firm support for the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of its Military Commission. We angrily denounce the towering crimes of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan and warmly hail the great victory in crushing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power.

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and its Military Commission and the crushing of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng have fully expressed the common aspiration of the 32 million armymen and civilians of our province. All were filled with joy and rushed to tell one another of this happy news. They held meetings and parades in warm celebration. Everywhere, red flags fluttered, beating of drums and cymbals reverberated in the skies, firecrackers were set off and people were immersed in the atmosphere of victory and joy. These two items of great happy news are of great immediate significance and far-reaching historical significance to us in upholding the Party's basic line and policies, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. At the crucial moment concerning the future and destiny of our Party and state, thinking of Chairman Mao's consistent teachings and seeing the victory of this struggle today, we cannot help hailing from the bottom of our hearts: Long live the victory of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!

Chairman Mao taught us time and again: "Practice Marxism and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." These three basic principles charted by Chairman Mao are the touchstone for distinguishing between real and sham Marxism, the criterion for discerning capitalist-roaders in the Party, and the fundamental requirement guaranteeing that our Party and state will never change color. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and vigorously practiced revisionism. Forming a "gang of four," they were busy engaging in trigues and conspiracies, carrying out sectarian activities to split the Party and hastily attempting to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. Their crimes in practicing revisionism and splittism and engaging in intrigues and conspiracies defy counting. They are hated deeply by the people and have totally lost their support. They have wholly degenerated into conspirators and careerists betraying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, and deadly enemies to the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the whole country. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng carries out Chairman Mao's behests, represent the aspirations of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It adopted wise and resolute measures to smash the "gang of four" by a single stroke, ridding our country of a hidden danger, eliminating pests for the people, purifying our Party and creating happiness for the people. This has been a great example of bringing into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a

great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought. This really is a delight to the people, wins their approval and is fine indeed!

"The force at the core leading our cause forward is the Chinese Communist Party. The theoretical basis guiding our thinking is Marxism-Leninism." The crushing of the conspiracy of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique gives strong evidence that our Party's cause has worthy successors and is thriving. It also proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist political party and as a great, glorious and correct party. The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission is an arrangement made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he passed away. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with us. We have full confidence in it and firmly support it. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey its commands in all our actions and defend Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng with our blood and lives. We will firmly struggle against all words and deeds which direct the spearhead at the great leader Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng.

In firm response to the call of the Party Central Committee, we will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red flag of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line and policies, wholly uncover and criticize the towering crimes of the anti-Party "gang of four," struggle against them through to the end and will never stop till complete victory. We will obey Chairman Mao's consistent teachings, read and study conscientiously, and quickly start a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will keep to the principle of three-in-one combination of the old, the middle-aged and the young, protect the newborn forces complying with the five requirements for training of successors laid down by Chairman Mao, and protect the new socialist things. We will uphold the policy of "grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war," do better our work in all fields and develop further the excellent current situation. Our province is situated on the anti-revisionist front. We will raise our vigilance a hundredfold, strictly guard against all sabotage activities of the class enemies and be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy who dares to intrude. In the course of struggle, we will continue to consolidate and develop the victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and strive to carry through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao.

The rally of the comrades of Party, government and army organizations and the people of Heilungkiang province and Harbin municipality to celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in crushing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power October 23, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, 500,000 people from Party, government and army organizations, workers, peasants and soldiers and people from all walks of life in Shihchiachuang municipality, capital city of Hopei Province, hold a celebration rally with deep feelings and immense joy. We cheer heartily Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and warmly celebrate the great victory scored by our Party in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. Since news of these two extraordinarily great, happy events reached here, the provincial capital has been immersed in festive joy. The people are in a jubilant mood, red banners flutter everywhere, and songs reverbrate to the skies. We resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, resolutely support the wise and resolute decision adopted by the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng against the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and angrily condemn the towering crimes of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. At this moment when the whole country is cheering the decisive and great victory scored by the proletariat in countering the bourgeoisie, we, with profound proletarian feelings, give a most lofty proletarian revolutionary salute to our beloved Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the successor selected by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao himself. We are very happy that the revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has worthy successors and that our Party has a leader in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We deeply grieved when Chairman Mao passed away. We were also concerned about the future and destiny of our Party and the state and worried that the bunch of bourgeois careerists and conspirators of the "gang of four" would usurp the Party and state power, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. At the crucial moment of the Chinese revolution and at the critical juncture of the life-and-death struggle between the two classes, roads and lines, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng loyally carried out Chairman Mao's behests and realized Chairman Mao's great plan by shattering the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique in one blow with lofty proletarian mettle, thereby doing away with the pests, eliminating a big evil, saving the revolution and the Party, preventing the Party from turning revisionist and the state from changing its color, and avoiding the serious disaster brought to the people by capitalist restoration.

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan of the "gang of four" are the typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders taking the capitalist road who committed innumerable crimes detrimental to the state and the people. Dragging them out is a delight to the Party, the army and the people. This is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is ample proof that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a great, glorious and correct Party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself. The great leader Chairman Mao had immense confidence in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. He wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting before his death: "With you in charge, I am at ease." This instruction of Chairman Mao reflected the fundamental interests and common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities

throughout the country. With such a reliable helmsman as Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in the Party and under the wise leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, we are full of confidence in a sure victory of the proletarian revolutionary cause. Our Party has a bright future, our motherland has promising prospects, and our future is bright. We can certainly overcome any storms and surmount any perils and difficulties and forever advance in giant strides along the course of socialism and communism charted by Chairman Mao.

The excellent situation throughout the country where "Orioles sing, swallows swirl" inspires us to win still greater victories with boundless enthusiasm and high spirit. We are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, raise aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, conscientiously study the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, adhere to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We must rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, thoroughly expose the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, deepen criticism of their counter-revolutionary revisionist line and wipe out its pernicious influence. We must continue the criticism of Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate the develop the victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We must grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war and do a good job in all fields. We must, in accordance with the grand plan Chairman Mao mapped out, strive to accomplish the comprehensive modernization of agriculture, industry, national defense and science and technology and to build our country into a powerful socialist state before the end of the century.

The rally of Party, government and army organizations and people of Hopei Province and Shihchiachuang Municipality in celebration of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and to celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power.

October 25, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

At a time when the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country are honoring the memory of their most respected and beloved great leader and teacher Chairman Mao with boundless esteem and admiration, carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, starting a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, and advancing victoriously along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, extraordinarily great happy news has arrived, much to the satisfaction of the people: In accordance with the arrangements made by the great leader Chairman Mao before he passed away, the Party Central Committee has appointed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee; the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has shattered the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, ridding the Party of a hidden danger, ridding the country of pests and redressing the grievances of the people. The masses of armymen and civilians in Shansi are jubilant. The whole province, everywhere in urban and rural areas, is a scene of revolutionary unity, militancy and the joy of victory. After the celebration rally of 400,000 armymen and civilians in the provincial capital on October 21, more than 19 million people, joyously singing and dancing, held mammoth celebration rallies and demonstrations in the past few days. Unable to control their joy, they again and again raise their arms and shout at the top of their voice: "Firmly support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee!" "Warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the 'gang of four' anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power!"

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was selected by the great leader Chairman Mao himself to be his successor. In April 1976, Chairman Mao proposed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng for the posts of First Vice Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Premier of the State Council. Then, on April 30, Chairman Mao wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting: "With you in charge, I'm at ease." This shows Chairman Mao's boundless faith in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. The whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country deeply love and wholeheartedly support the leader of our Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. After Chairman Mao passed away, at the critical moment in the Chinese revolution, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, representing the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and with the great resolve of the proletariat, adopted resolute measures to smash with one blow the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby saving the revolution and the Party, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country, and enabling our Party, our army and the people of all nationalities of our country to continue the victorious advance along the socialist and communist course charted by Chairman Mao. This is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought, a great happy event of tremendous historical significance. We warmly celebrate this and give it our firm support.

We warmly hail the great victory won by our Party under the leadership and command of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in shattering the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four," a bane to the country and the people, committed heinous crimes. They completely betrayed the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts" that Chairman Mao earnestly taught, wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line on a whole series of domestic and international questions, and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They carried out criminal activities to split the Party, working as a unit, going their own way, establishing their own system inside the Party, doing as they wished, lording it over others, and placing themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. They were busy engaging in intrigues and conspiracies and put their nose in everything, went everywhere to stir up trouble, interfered with Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and strategic plans and undermined the socialist revolution and socialist construction. They confounded right and wrong, made rumors, worked in a big way to create counter-revolutionary opinion, fabricated accusations against others and labelled everybody, and attempted to overthrow a large number of leading comrades of the Party, the government and the army in the central and local organs and seize supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They worshipped things foreign and fawned on foreigners, maintained illicit foreign relationship, betrayed important Party and state secrets, and unscrupulously practiced capitulationism and national betrayal. They pursued a counter-revolutionary revisionist line, an ultra-Right line. The "gang of four" is a gang of big conspirators, careerists and traitors who practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies; they are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road and deadly enemies of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Our struggle against the "gang of four" is a life-and-death struggle between the two classes, the two lines and the two roads, a matter of fundamental importance concerning the future and destiny of the Party and the country. We, armymen and civilians in the whole province, saw the counter-revolutionary scheming of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, hated it and were suffocating with rage. In January this year, while we were implementing Chairman Mao's series of important instructions on criticizing Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beating back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts and acting in accordance with the spirit of the documents of the central organs, they sent people to Shansi to establish ties, make reports, stir up trouble, interfere with and undermine the great struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist wind to reverse verdicts. In July this year, while we were learning from and popularizing the experience of the Tatung railroad sub-bureau in accordance with the spirit of the instructions of the central organs to solve problems of railroad transportation, they again used the power in their hands to keep us in the dark, obstruct the implementation of the spirit of the instruction of the central organs, and interfere with and undermine the excellent situation in Shansi. Particularly infuriating is the fact that after the National Conference on Learning from Tachai in Agriculture was held, they went so far as to plot a scheme, in a frenzied attempt to strike out the red banner of Tachai planted by Chairman Mao himself and interfere with and undermine the great

revolutionary mass movement to learn from Tachai in agriculture and build Tachai-type counties throughout the country.

The great leader Chairman Mao was farsighted and saw through everything. He was aware long ago of the wild ambitions of the "gang of four" and its sectarian activities, severely criticized and educated them again and again, and made arrangements for solving the problem about them. Chairman Mao gave the instruction on this problem: "If this is not settled in the first half of this year, it should be settled in the second half; if not this year, then next year; if not next, then the year after." Now, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has resolutely carried out Chairman Mao's behests, took resolute measures to crush the plot of the "gang of four" for a counter-revolutionary restoration, thereby ridding our Party and country of a big evil. It is excellent indeed. It has won the approval of the people and given the people great satisfaction. The people are very happy with it. The great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power fully shows what a wise decision Chairman Mao made before he passed away. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, in whom Chairman Mao had boundless faith and whom the people throughout the country deeply love, is now the leader of our Party, and our Party and state have a reliable helmsman to continue our victorious advance along Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. It fully shows that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with the people of the whole country. It fully shows that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a Party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party. The Party, the army and the people have complete faith in, warmly support and deeply love the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

In the happy time of nationwide celebration, we pledge to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold the basic principles of "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will take class struggle as the key link, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, do our work well in all fields, and continue to develop the excellent situation. We will heighten our revolutionary vigilance, strengthen army building and militia building, strengthen preparedness against war, be prepared at all times to wipe out any enemy that dares to invade our country, deal resolute blows at sabotage and trouble-making by class enemies at home and abroad, and suppress the counter-revolutionaries and those who engage in beating, smashing and looting. We pledge to defy death to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the great socialist motherland.

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

The CCP Shansi Provincial Committee,
the Shansi Provincial Revolutionary Committee and
the CCP Committee of Shansi Provincial Military Command

October 25, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

While the people of the country are voicing resolute support for the decisions of the CCP Central Committee, the NPC Standing Committee, the State Council and the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee on the establishment of the memorial hall for the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and on the publication of the Selected Works of Mao Tsetung and the preparations for the publication of the Collected Works of Mao Tsetung, and are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, advance triumphantly along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and start a new upsurge of studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, we learn of the great happy tidings about Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and about the victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan. Songs reverberated over the endless grassland, and red banners fluttered all over the Yinshan Mountains. Jubilant and high in spirit, we, the people of all nationalities in Inner Mongolia who are infinitely loyal to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line have held mammoth rallies and demonstrations in the past several days to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and warmly cheer the great victory in shattering the vicious scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four."

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission,was selected by our respected and beloved great leader and teacher Chairman Mao himself to be his successor. Chairman Mao proposed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng for the posts of First Vice Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Premier of the State Council in April 1976. Then, on April 30, he wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting: "With you in charge, I am at ease." This showed that Chairman Mao had immense confidence in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. At a crucial moment of the Chinese revolution after Chairman Mao's death, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng shattered in one blow the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power, thereby saving the revolution and the Party. This is ample proof that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao is thriving and has worthy successors. This insures that the leadership of the Party and the state continues to remain in the hands of proletarian revolutionaries. It also has a great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance in adhering to the Party's basic line, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, in upholding the principle of proletarian internationalism, particularly in the struggle against the two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States. This has fully reflected the fundamental interests of the proletariat

and the laboring people and expressed the common wishes of the people of the whole country. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Mao is of one heart with our people of all nationalities. We resolutely support, heartily cherish and have full confidence in the Party Central Committee headed by Hua Kuo-feng. We, the more than eight million people of all nationalities in Inner Mongolia pledge to rally most closely together with the people of the whole country round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, safeguard the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen the sense of organization and discipline, obey the orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, consistently implement Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause through to the end.

The "gang of four" formed by Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan committed very serious crimes in carrying out the scheme to split the Party and usurp the Party power. Chairman Mao was aware of their ambition and scheme long ago and severely criticized and educated them time and again to save them and pointed out clearly that their problem must be solved. However, they acted wilfully and arbitrarily and refused to mend their ways. In front of Chairman Mao they promised repeatedly that they would "act in accordance with Chairman Mao's directives"; behind his back, however, they continued to gang up and engage in intrigues and conspiracies. After Chairman Mao's death, thinking that the opportunity had arrived, they accelerated their counter-revolutionary pace and quickly started to eradicate the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in a vain attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. Eventually, they completely betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and degenerated into an anti-Party clique of careerists and conspirators. Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are precisely the typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist roaders taking the capitalist road. The struggle waged by our Party against the "gang of four" anti-Party clique is a life and death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. We the people of all nationalities saw and hated the criminal activities of the "gang of four." The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng adopted wise and resolute measures to expose and shatter in good time the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thus getting rid of a big evil in our Party. This victory truly satisfies the people and has their full approval. This vividly manifests that our Party carries out Chairman Mao's behests and is loyal to his revolutionary line. This is a great example of the practice of his great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. This is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. This is another ample proof that it is not easy to crush our Party which was founded by Chairman Mao himself and has been long tempered in the intense fire of class struggle and two-line struggle. The "gang of four" committed every evil, lost all popular sympathy. They are outwardly strong but inwardly feeble and are extremely isolated. As soon as their scheme to usurp Party and state power was exposed, they came under indignant condemnation of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country.

In this great struggle bearing on whether or not our Party will become revisionist or our state will change its color, we, the broad masses of Communist Party members, the workers and poor and lower-middle peasants

(herdsmen), revolutionary cadres and revolutionary intellectuals of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region will resolutely respond to the call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, wage a resolute struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and thoroughly expose and criticize their towering crimes in betraying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampering with Chairman Mao's instructions, practicing revisionism and splittism and engaging in intrigues and conspiracies in an attempt to usurp Party and State power. In the course of struggle, we will conscientiously implement Party policies, strictly differentiate between the two types of qualitatively different contradictions and unite with over 95 percent of cadres and the masses. We will strengthen the centralized leadership of the Party, continue to raise the consciousness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines and heighten their ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism. We are determined to raise aloft the great red banner of Mao Tsetung Thought, start a new upsurge of the study of the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will continue the criticism of Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, enthusiastically support socialist new things, and pay attention to the well-being of the masses. We will restrict bourgeois rights, consolidate and develop the victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution, grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, resolutely and promptly make up the losses caused by the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, and make efforts to do a good job in all fields. We will guard well the northern gate of the Motherland and fight valiantly in defending the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Unite under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to win still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction!

Down with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The CCP Committee of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the Revolutionary Committee of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, and the Inner Mongolia Military District

Oct. 22, 1976

Chairman Hua, the CCP Central Committee, and the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee:

The extraordinarily happy tidings about Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and the great victory in shattering the scheme of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power are sweeping throughout the barracks both inside and beyond the Great Wall and across the long anti-revisionist front like a gust of strong East wind dispersing dark clouds. We, all commanders and fighters of the Peking PLA Units, have been immersed in boundless joy for the past several days. The people are in a jubilant mood, and the beating of drums and cymbals reverberates in the skies. Everywhere is a scene of joy. All the people shout heartily: We whole-heartedly support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission! We warmly celebrate the great, historic victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power! We angrily condemn the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao conspirators and careerists!

In the sad days following the death of the great leader Chairman Mao, we, like the people of the whole country, worried day and night about the future and destiny of the Party and the state, fearing that the supreme leadership of the Party and the state would be usurped by the "gang of four." Precisely at the crucial moment of fierce struggle between the two lines inside the Party, the Party Central Committee, in accordance with the arrangements made by Chairman Mao before he passed away, unanimously approved the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. This is fully compatible with the earnest wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the successor selected by Chairman Mao himself. Chairman Mao had boundless confidence in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng; we love Chairman Hua profoundly. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's becoming the leader of the whole Party embodies the fundamental interests of our Party and people and shows that our Party is thriving and has worthy successors. This is an extraordinarily great and happy news for the whole P rty, the whole army and the people of the whole country. This is a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. With Chairman Hua as our helmsman, the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao will have a sure guarantee and our Party and state will continue to advance triumphantly along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. We all commanders and fighters have full confidence in and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The shattering of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao counter-revolutionary "gang of four" is a great victory of the proletariat triumphing over the bourgeoisie, socialism over capitalism and Marxism over revisionism. This vicious "gang of four" is a gang for restoration and regression, a gang harmful to the state and the people, a gang of capitulationists and traitors. They self-styled themselves as Chairman Mao's "students" and "comrades in arms," but actually they are shameless renegades who tampered with Chairman Mao's directives and frenziedly opposed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. They boasted of themselves as "representatives of the correct line," but they are in fact counter-revolutionary revisionists who attempted to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. They called themselves

"leftists," ut in practice they are a reactionary sectarian clique which is full of ambition and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies. They pretended that they were concerned about the PLA, but actually they are the arch criminals who sabotaged, split and opposed the army and created confusion in the army and tried to destroy the army. They beautified themselves as models in restricting bourgeoisie rights, but they are in fact avaricious and greedy vampires and parasites exploiting and oppressing the workers and peasants. The deeds of the "gang of four" are ample proof that they are a bunch of conspirators and careerists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders traveling on the capitalist road! They have told all kinds of lies and did all kinds of evil, to the great resentment of the people, and they have long lost popular sympathy. At the critical moment when the "gang of four" launched frenzied attacks on the Party, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, displaying maximum courage and boundless firmness and the great resolve of proletarian revolutionaries,smashed them in one blow, thus enabling our Party to pass through the danger of the tempestuous storms, saving the revolution and the Party, averting a great regression in history and leading the Chinese people away from a great disaster. This is a great, meritorious deed for the Chinese revolution and the world revolution, and a brilliant page in the history of our Party. With profound proletarian feelings, we extend highest esteem to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee.

We, Party committees at all levels and all commanders and fighters of the PLA Peking Units are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, place the army units under the absolute leadership of the Party, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, strengthen the sense of organization and discipline and resolutely implement the directives of the Party Central Committee and its Military Commission. We will respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, faithfully carry out Chairman Mao's behests, raise aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and start a new upsurge of the study of the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will resolutely combat and prevent revisionism, enthusiastically support socialist new things. Conscientiously restrict bourgeois rights, take a correct attitude toward the great proletarian cultural revolution, the masses and ourselves, and persist in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will comply with the plans of the Party Central Committee and, with the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts" as the weapons, thoroughly expose the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-P r*y clique and resolutely carry this great struggle through to the end. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will adhere to the Party's basic line, take class struggle as the key link, grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war and endeavor to do a still better job in all fields. Our Peking Units are located on the anti-revisionist front. We will heighten our vigilance one hundredfold, strengthen preparedness against war, guard closely against sabotage and trouble-making by class enemies at home and abroad as well as surprise attack by Soviet revisionism. We will defy death and take concrete actions to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, defend the capital, defend

the dictatorship of the proletariat, and defend the great socialist motherland!

The CCP Committee and all commanders and fighters of the PLA Peking Units

October 27, 1976

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Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

Filled with revolutionary pride and joy of victory, we, all cadres, fighters, staff members and their dependents of the leading organs of the Shenyang PLA Units and of the PLA units stationed in Shenyang held a grand rally amid sputtering of firecrackers, beating of gongs and drums, thunderous applause and joyous shouting to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and to hail the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission has expressed the common wish of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of various nationalities of the country. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has gone through a long period of training under the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and was selected by Chairman Mao to be his successor. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the leader of our Party whom the people of the whole nation love and respect from the bottom of their hearts. We most heartily, most warmly and most resolutely support Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. With Chairman Hua Kuo-feng at helm, we are fully confidence in the sure victory of the realization of the great communist cause. Since the death of Chairman Mao, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has made a series of important decisions and wise resolutions. Particularly at the crucial moment to decide the future and fate of our Party and nation, it took wise and resolutely measures in shattering the counter-revolutionary restorationist scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby saving the Party and the revolution and ridding the Party and the people of a bane. This fully demonstrates that the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has faithfully carried out Chairman Mao's behests by raising aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, represents the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of various nationalities of the whole country and is linked heart-to-heart with the people. It also shows that the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng resolutely implements Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and is a strong nucleus leading the entire Chinese people. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, we are sure to defeat any enemy at home and abroad, to surmount all difficulties and hardships and to carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique has betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigue and conspiracy in a vain attempt to usurp supreme leadership of the Party and the state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. They have done all sorts of evil deeds and committed towering crimes. They are careerists, conspirators and counter-revolutionary revisionists who have ganged up for selfish ends and for usurping Party and state power. They are arch criminals who oppose the Party, create confusion in the army, try to destroy the army, and undermine Chairman Mao's great strategic plan. They are capitalists who worship all things foreign, fawn upon foreigners and have traitorous relations with foreign countries. They are bourgeois elements sucking the blood of the workers, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie within the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road. If the scheme of the "gang of four" to oppose the Party and usurp Party and state power succeeds, the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao will be destroyed, our Party will become revisionist, our nation will change its political color, our people will suffer again, and millions of people will lose their lives. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng timely shattered this counter-revolutionary scheme for capitalist restoration which will bring serious disasters to the Chinese people, and eradicated a bane for the Party, much to the satisfaction of the people. The shattering of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao scheme to oppose the Party and usurp Party and state power is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in upholding the basic line and policies formulated for the Party by Chairman Mao for the entire historical period of socialism, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating China's dictatorship of the proletariat, in preventing capitalist restoration and in building socialism. The victory of this struggle shows that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party.

We most resolutely support the decisive measures and wise decision made by the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng against the "gang of four"! We indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the "gang of four"! We warmly hail the great victory in shattering the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique!

We make this solemn pledge to the Party Central Committee: We will definitely rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, resolutely safeguard the unity and unification of the Party, obey the directives issued by the Party Central Committee, and uphold the three basic principles: "Practice Marxism-Leninism, and not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will follow the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee, firmly keep to the main orientation of the struggle, concentrate fire to thoroughly uncover, criticize and liquidate the counter-revolutionary crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, and wage a resolute struggle

against them through to the end. We will certainly carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, whip up a new upsurge of the study of the works of Marx and Lenin and of Chairman Mao, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao. In the course of struggle, we will definitely consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution, enthusiastically support the new emerging things of socialism, continue criticizing Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulsing the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and adopt a correct attitude toward the great proletarian cultural revolution, the masses and ourselves. We will uphold the principle: "Grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war." We will redouble our efforts to do a good job in all fields. We will heighten our vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war, and be ready at all times to shatter any provocation or surprise attack by imperialism and social imperialism. We will fulfill well all the militant tasks assigned us by the Party Central Committee, and vow to defend with our blood and lives Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the great socialist motherland!

The rally of the Shenyang PLA units to celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

Oct. 21, 1976

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Shantung, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang, Fukien and Kiangsi Provinces Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee, and PLA Tsinan, Nanking and Foochow Units Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and Its Military Commission

(Peking, Jen-min Jih-pao, Oct. 29, 1976)

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

We, the 2.4 million Party members and 68 million people of Shantung province warmly hail Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and the great victory in smashing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chiang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and State power. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has assumed the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has smashed the sinister plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan--this is extraordinarily happy news in the political life of our Party, our army and the people of all nationalities in our country and is a decisive, great victory in the counter-attack launched by the proletariat against the bourgeoisie. We all Party members and the people of Shantung province express our firmest support for it and celebrate it wholeheartedly!

When this extraordinarily happy news was brought to Shantung, the cities and the countryside were a scene of joy. From Chiaotung peninula to the plains in western Shantung, from I-meng mountain to Pohai sea, everywhere is in a festive mood. Beating of drums and cymbals thunders,firecrackers are set off, red flags flutter, houses are decorated with lanterns and colorful bunting, and the people are immersed in happiness and hail to their hearts' content. This festive scene was never seen before. Groups of people celebrating the victory gather like the tide in streets and public squares. Placards acclaiming the victory are put up in offices, factories, mines, villages, schools, shops and streets. On October 22, a rally with more than 600,000 people participating was held in Tsinan under the joint sponsorship of the Shantung Provincial and Tsinan municipal authorities and the PLA Tsinan units. Mammoth rallies have also been held in the various prefectures, municipalities and counties of the province. More than 40 million people of Shantung listened to the live broadcast of the Peking rally on the afternnon of October 24. In the past several days, mammoth parades and demonstrations have been held under the leadership of responsible party, government and military leaders at different levels. The demonstrators carried huge portraits of the great leader Chairman Mao, held high the portraits of Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, waved red flags, and advanced in broad strides. Singing of songs, chanting of slogans, beating of drums and cymbals and sputtering of firecrackers reverberated in the skies. Filled with excitement, they warmly hailed the quick realization of the wise decision made by the great leader Chairman Mao before he passed away. They warmly hailed the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and the great victory in

smashing the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. They angrily condemned the towering counter-revolutionary crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. Words cannot express fully the boundless admiration and memory of the Shantung people for the great leader Chairman Mao and their heartfelt love and warm support for Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, nor can they describe the indignation and bitter hatred of the Shantung people for the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was selected by the great leader Chairman Mao himself to be his successor, is the leader of our Party and our reliable helmsman. The six resplendant characters meaning "With you in charge, I am at ease," which Chairman Mao wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting, fully express Chairman Mao's boundless trust in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. Chairman Mao was at east, and so are the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission represents the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole Army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The hearts of the people, the Party and the Party members are all turned to the CCP Central Committee. The people of the whole country warmly hail the appointment. At the critical moment when the anti-Party clique plotted to usurp Party and state power, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng took resolute measures to smash the "gang of four," expressing the great resolve of the proletariat. The practice of this great struggle shows once again that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, a politically mature Marxist-Leninist political party and a great, glorious and correct party. It fully proves that Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee headed by him have faithfully carried out Chairman Mao's behests, have resolutely implemented Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and policies, and are closely linked with the people of the whole country. From the bottom of our hearts we support and completely trust Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee headed by him.

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted resolute measures to smash the plot of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to oppose the Party and usurp state power. This has been a great example of bringing into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, wantonly tampered with Chairman Mao's instructions, and opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and pushed a counter-revolutionary revisionist line and an ultra-Rightist line on a series of domestic and international problems. Under the signboard of Marxism, they practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies and frenziedly attempted to overthrow the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state, to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and to restore capitalism. Their crimes defy counting. They are a gang of careerists and conspirators who have done all sorts of evil and lost all popular sympathy. They are

typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, vampires and pests. With sinister and vicious intentions, they attempted to harm the Party, the State, the Army and the people. Therefore, they are the sworn enemy of the whole Party, the whole Army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Our struggle with the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. There will be no tranquility in the country if the 'four pests' are not exterminated. If the 'four pests" are not exterminated, the Party will turn revisionist, the state will change its political color and countless heads will roll in the dust. Now that these "four pests" have been exterminated, the people are greatly delighted and the whole country is in a joyous mood. The broad masses of workers and poor and lower-middle peasants say happily: "Crushing the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique means removing a time bomb and ridding our Party of a grave hidden danger. It saves us from suffering hardships a second time and wards off the serious disaster in which millions of heads will roll in the dust." Through this struggle, our Party will be stronger and more united and have greater fighting capacity; the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country will become more consolidated; our army will be still more invincible; our people will be higher in spirit and firmer in determination; our country's socialist revolution and construction will develop quickly, and there will be a better guarantee for the realization of the great plant for the four modernizations put forth by Chairman Mao. Looking into the future, we see that the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao has boundlessly bright prospects. Hailing the victory, we are filled with emotion and pride and will fight more bravely. We are determined to rally under the wise leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique through to the end and will never stop till complete victory.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and Party Central Committee: We will lead the people of the whole province to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by you and obey the command of the Party Central Committee in all our actions. We will hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, whip up a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will adhere to the three basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, wholly uncover and criticize the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war. We will display the same vigor, the same revolutionary enthusiasm and the same hard-working spirit as we did during the period of the revolutionary wars, and do still better our work in all fields. We will further develop the excellent current situation, consolidate and develop the victorious gains in the great proletarian cultural revolution, consolidate and strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat and carry the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The CCP Shantung Provincial Committee and
the Shantung Provincial Revolutionary Committee

October 24, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, the CCP Kiangsu Provincial Committee, the Party Committee of the PLA Nanking Units, the Party Committee of the Kiangsu Military Command, and the CCP Nanking Municipal Committee ceremoniously held an army-people celebration rally and conveyed to the participants the documents of the CCP Central Committee. Filled with emotion, the armymen and people attending the meeting cheered and warmly celebrated the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. They warmly celebrated the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power, a scheme that had been shattered by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in accordance with Chairman Mao's behests and in compliance with the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The Party Central Committee's wise decision to appoint the successor arranged by Chairman Mao and to shatter the "gang of four" fully embodies the common aspiration of hundreds of millions of people. The "gang of four" was a group which Chairman Mao wanted to crush. The Party Central Committee's action has brought great satisfaction to the people, won their full approval and boosted their morale. This is a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and the great proletarian cultural revolution. The great struggle launched by the broad masses of armymen and civilians against the "gang of four" surges like the roaring waves of the Yangtze and develops with an irresistible force. "The City, a tiger crouching, a dragon curling, outshines its ancient glories; in heroic triumph heaven and earth have been overturned." The excellent situation of a historic, great victory as depicted by the great leader Chairman Mao in his brilliant verse, has now appeared again before us, making us cherish more dearly the memory of Chairman Mao, love Chairman Mao all the more, and hold him in still deeper admiration and respect. We are determined to carry out faithfully Chairman Mao's behests, to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to struggle resolutely against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and, in the course of struggle, to heighten class consciousness and the consciousness of the two-line struggle, build our abilities to distinguish between real and sham Marxism, persist in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and carry through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao!

We firmly support the October 7 resolution adopted by the CCP Central Committee on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the successor selected by Chairman Mao himself. Chairman Mao wrote in his own handwriting "With you in charge, I am at ease," expressing his boundlessly trust in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. With Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in charge, the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao was at ease, and so are we hundreds of millions of the Chinese people. At the crucial moment when the "gang of four" plotted to usurp Party and state power, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, acting in accordance with Chairman Mao's wish, adopted wise and resolute measures to uncover the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four," thereby ridding our Party of a grave danger, rescuing the revolution and the Party, and defending Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by him. This fully proves that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng represents the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, is of one heart with us and is our next of kin. This fully shows that the decision made by Chairman Mao before he passed away is extremely wise and that the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao has worthy successors. Our Party now has its own leader in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We have boundless hopes on the future of the Party and the state and are fully confident in the sure victory of the communist cause. We wholeheartedly love and warmly support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the Party Central Committee, and resolutely implement its fighting call. We will resolutely do whatever the Party Central Committee tells us to do. We want to protect the unity and unification of our Party just as we protect our own eyes. We will struggle resolutely against any statements and actions that are detrimental to the unity of the Party. We will resolutely struggle to the end against anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

In immense indignation of the proletariat, we want to uncover and denounce the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. They totally betrayed the three basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," which Chairman Mao consistently taught us. They wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and practiced revisionism behind the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four" and carried out sectarian activities to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They were busy engaging in intrigues and conspiracies, in a frenzied attempt to overthrow a large number of responsible comrades in the Party, government and army at the central and local levels and to usurp Party and state leadership. They violated Chairman Mao's strategic plans, went their own way, established their own system inside the Party, did as they wished, lorded it over others, and placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. They worshipped things foreign, fawned on foreigners and maintained illicit foreign relations, engaging in flagrant activities of capitulationism and national betrayal. Especially when Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he passed away, they thought that their opportunity had come, so they launched an attack more rabidly on the Party

and hastily attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. Their crimes were the gravest and they deserved capital punishment. The essence of their line was to turn basically against Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. At home, they tried to tamper with our Party's nature, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism; in the international sphere, they threw away the principle of proletarian internationalism and surrendered themselves to imperialism. They upheld a counter-revolutionary revisionist line, an ultra-Rightist line. The practice of struggle shows that Chairman Mao's scientific assertions that the bourgeoisie "is right in the Communist Party" and "the capitalist-roaders are still on the capitalist road" are very wise and very correct. The "gang of four" are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road, and a bunch of bourgeois conspirators and careerists. If they succeeded in usurping leadership of the Party and the state, the bourgeoisie would come to power, fascism would come to power, it would mean a counter-revolutionary restoration, the revolutionary people would suffer a second time, millions of people would lose their lives and the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao would be ruined. We will absolutely not allow this. Our struggle against the "gang of four" is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique frenziedly attempted to split our Party. They were only day-dreaming. They had totally lost popular sympathy and were extremely isolated and feeble. The shattering of the counter-revolutionary restorationist scheme of the "gang of four" by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has prevented a recurrence in China of the tragedy of turning the Soviet Union into a revisionist country by the Khrushchev-Brezhnev renegade clique. We Kiangsu Province and the PLA Nanking Units, have been deeply plagued by the "gang of four." Why did the implementation of Chairman Mao's directives and the documents of the Party Central Committee always encounter interference? Why did some localities and units fail to achieve unity based on Chairman Mao's revolutionary line? All these were caused by the "gang of four." "If the 'gang of four' had not made havoc, we would have waged a still better struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts in Kiangsu Province and within the PLA Nanking Units; the excellent situation of grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war would have developed sooner. At present, the wise decision of the Party Central Committee has greatly inspired the Kiangsu people and the commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units and is vigorously pushing forward the present excellent situation. We are determined to join the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country in resolutely struggling against the "gang of four," thoroughly crushing the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thoroughly settling accounts with their counter-revolutionary crimes, and thoroughly exposing and criticizing their ultra-Rightist line and eliminating its remaining pernicious influence. We will defy death to defend Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We will not stop the struggle until we win complete victory.

The crushing of the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power has proved that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao

himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party. After winning the great victory in crushing the anti-Party "gang of four," our Party will surely be stronger, our state will surely thrive, the people will unite still more closely and our socialist revolution and construction will be in an ever better situation. We are determined to place ourselves under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, hold aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and start a new upsurge of studying the works of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao. We are determined to follow the Party's basic line and take class struggle as the key link in thoroughly exposing and criticizing the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will adopt a correct attitude toward the great cultural revolution, the masses and ourselves. We will follow the principle of combining the old, the middle-aged and the young, protect the new force that meets the five requirements for successors set by Chairman Mao, and protect new socialist things. We will heighten our revolutionary vigilance and strictly prevent the class enemies at home and abroad from starting rumors to deceive the people and from carrying out sabotage and creating disturbance. We will resolutely track down and hit at those who started political rumors and put up reactionary wall posters which direct the spearhead at our great leader Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We will suppress the counter-revolutionaries and those who engage in beating, smashing and looting. We will step up ideological and political work among the people and take effective measures to eliminate bourgeois factionalism. We will not permit establishment of ties and organization of fighting groups of any form. We will adhere to the policy of grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war, so as to insure an unprecedented bumper agricultural harvest of the year and fulfill and overfulfill this year's national economy plan. We will show closer concern for the well-being of the people, consciously restrict bourgeois rights, and make strenuous efforts to do better our work in various fields and further enhance the excellent current situation.

The great leader Chairman Mao taught us: "With power and to spare we must pursue the tottering foe and not ape Hsiang Yu the conqueror seeking idle fame." We are determined to remain modest and prudent, guard against arrogance and rashness, fight on to the end, continue the revolution and carry the great struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique through to the end! We will make strenuous efforts to build China into a powerful socialist country and to finally realize communism!

The army-people celebration rally held by the CCP Kiangsu Provincial Committee, the Party Committee of the PLA Nanking Units, the Party Committee of the Kiangsu Provincial Military Command and the CCP Nanking Municipal Committee

October 21, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

At a time when the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country are remembering the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and pledging to carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao and march forward victoriously along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, we learn these two items of particularly inspiring news: In accordance with an arrangement made by Chairman Mao before he passed away, the Politburo of the CCP Central Committee has unanimously adopted the decision of appointing Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, representing the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities of the country; the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has smashed in one blow the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

The 45 million armymen and people throughout Anhwei have been greatly inspired. They feel elated and are in high fighting spirits. Over the past few days, armymen and civilians from the Huaipei Plains to the areas crisscrossed by waterways in southern Anhwei and from the banks of the Yangtze and Huaiho Rivers to the areas of Tapieh Mountains have held mass rallies and paraded through the streets with red banners, beating gongs and drums and setting off firecrackers. A new upsurge in studying the works of Mark, Lenin and Chairman Mao and an angry wave to condemn the "gang of four" for its towering crimes of opposing Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampering with Chairman Mao's directives, practicing revisionism and splittism and engaging in intrigues and conspiracies and attempting to usurp Party and state power have been whipped up with an irresistible momentum of an avalanche. The people are overjoyed and the situation is really gratifying. The 45 million armymen and civilians in Anhwei resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power!

After the death of the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, we, armymen and civilians throughout Anhwei have unanimously hoped that Chairman Mao's remains be preserved so that the people can behold his visage and educate and encourage their posterity to carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao and carry the revolutionary cause of the proletariat through to the end. We have also unanimously hoped that the compilation and publication of the fifth and other subsequent volumes of Selected Works of Mao Tsetung and Collected Works of Mao Tsetung be carried out as soon as possible so that the people can continue to study, master and implement Mao Tsetung Thought in a still better way and continue to win new victories.

We have also unanimously hoped that the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng will resolutely fight against the conspirators and careerists who have betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and who have conspired and intrigued, and lead the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities of the country to persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and work hard for building socialism and realizing the great communist cause. Now the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has adopted a series of

important resolutions, decisions and policies, which have completely spoken for all armymen and people in Anhwei and have achieved what the armymen and people in Anhwei have wanted to do. This fully shows that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has stood for the aspiration of hundreds of millions of people and is of one heart with us. This has also shown that our Party, which was founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself and which has been tempered for more than 50 years, has worthy successors and is thriving. We fully trust and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao repeatedly stressed that we must "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." But Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan formed themselves into an anti-Party clique, deliberately tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line in a series of domestic and international issues. They practiced revisionism under the banner of Marxism. They wantonly plotted to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They also exploited the media of public opinion under their control to distort facts, reverse right and wrong, fabricate rumors and cheat the masses. They undermined Chairman Mao's strategic plan and did things in their own way, established their own system inside the Party, did what they wished and placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. They have completely betrayed the revolution, the Party and the people. Their crimes are really too much for words. They are a group of bourgeois conspirators and careerists, a group of political swindlers who pretend to be Marxists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still taking the capitalist road. Before he passed away, Chairman Mao had long been aware of their conspiracies and had repeatedly criticized them seriously and educated them patiently. They complied in the public but opposed in private. During the period when Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he died, they thought their opportunity had come. They could wait no longer, jumped out hastily and attacked the Party more frantically. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted resolute measures, smashed their plot to usurp Party and state power and realized quickly the wise decision made by Chairman Mao before he died. This is really much to the great satisfaction of the people. We completely support these measures. The victory of this struggle is the result of the great implementation of Chairman Mao's theory on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought. Our struggle with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism, and between Marxism and revisionism. The great victory won in their struggle is of great immediate and far-reaching historical significance to our Party in upholding the Party's basic line and policies, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, in guarding against capitalist restoration and in building socialism. The great victory won in this struggle has fully proved that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a Party founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party, and a great, glorious and correct party. Our Party has a bright future.

The great victory won in this struggle has also proved that the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan is without truth and support of the masses and that it has totally lost popular sympathy and is extremely weak and isolated. Their vain attempt to split our Party and usurp Party and state power has turned out to be a foolish thing of lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet, and has made themselves something filthy and contemptible like dog's dung.

The 45 million armymen and people in Anhwei pledge to the Party Central Committee: We are determined to carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao, rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, continue to whip up a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao, use Mao Tsetung Thought as a weapon to struggle against the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, thoroughly expose and criticize their anti-Party crimes and continue to consolidate and develop the victorious results of the great proletarian cultural revolution in the course of struggle.

We are also determined to adhere to the principle of combining the old, middle-aged and young, protect the newborn forces that have met Chairman Mao's five requirements for the successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause and protect the new socialist things, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will uphold the three basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts" presented by Chairman Mao, combat and prevent revisionism, do a good job in launching education in the Party's basic line, continue to deepen the mass movements of "In industry, learn from Tach'ing" and "In agriculture, learn from Tachai," grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, strive to fulfill and overfulfill this year's national economic plan, show concern for the well-being of the masses, restrict bourgeois rights, strive to do still better our work in all fields, wrest still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction, continue to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao!

The rally of armymen and civilians in Anhwei Province and Hofei Municipality to celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

We, 300,000 armymen and people in Chekiang P o ince and Hangchow Municipality, today hold a grand rally and parade to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and to warmly cheer the great victory scored by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng--which carried out Chairman Mao's behests and represents the fundamental interests and common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country--in taking resolute measures to shatter in one blow the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission was a wise arrangement made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before his death. The firm and strong leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is a sure guarantee for upholding Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, adhering to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and leading the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country to advance triumphantly. This is a big happy event. We 35 million armymen and people of Chekiang have full confidence in it and give it resolute support. We warmly cheer the fact that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has worthy successors and is thriving.

We angrily condemn the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. These conspirators and careerists betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies to usurp Party and state power; they are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still taking the capitalist road. Behind the backs of Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee, they poked their noses into Chekiang and interfered with and sabotaged Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies and his great strategic plans, bringing about tremendous hardships for us in our work in Chekiang. We are tremendously indignant about the untold sufferings caused by them. Now the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, has eliminated the "four pests" for us and rapidly realized the wise decision made by the great leader Chairman Mao before his death. This has truly satisfied and inspired the people. We resolutely support the resolute measures adopted by the Party Central Committee against the "gang of four," warmly cheer this great victory, and will resolutely fight the "gang of four" to the finish.

All our comrades attending the rally pledge in unison: We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, safeguard the unity and unification of the Party, and strengthen the sense of organization and discipline. We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, seriously study the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, abide by Chairman Mao's great teaching "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," thoroughly expose and criticize the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four," and resolutely struggle against all statements and

actions running counter to these three basic principles. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist wind to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the tremendous gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, fight valiantly in defense of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, for the consolidation of the dictatorship of the proletariat and in defense of the socialist motherland. We will fight with full confidence to win still greater victories in socialist revolution and socialist construction and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao!

The rally of armymen and civilians of Chekiang Province and Hangchow Municipality to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976.

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

We, 500,000 armymen and people of Fukien province, Foochow municipality and the three services on the Fukien front, hold a solemn rally to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. We also jubilantly hail the great victory scored by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission is a piece of good news fully reflecting the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. This has provided us with a reliable guarantee for carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and carrying the cause of proletarian revolution through to the end, and dealt a telling blow to the bourgeoisie within the Party and all class enemies at home and abroad. Meanwhile, this is also an ample proof that the cause of our Party has worthy successors and is thriving. We have full confidence in the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and resolutely support it.

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng took resolute measures to smash at one blow the plot of the anti-Party "gang of four," to usurp Party and state power, thus eliminating a bane inside the Party. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a tremendous victory of the great cultural revolution and also a great triumph for Mao Tsetung Thought. The wise decision and resolute

measures taken by the Party Central Committee to smash the scheme of "gang of four" has rid the Party of a hidden danger, rid the country of pests and redressed the grievances of the people. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with us. We resolutely support it. Without eliminating the "four evils," there will be no tranquility for the Party and the country. The elimination of the four evils is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval. Filled with excitement, we jubilantly hail this victory.

We sincerely thank our great leader Chairman Mao for this wise decision he made before his death. We honor the memory of our great leader Chairman Mao with boundless esteem. We warmly hail the victory of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in ridding the Party of a bane and performing a fresh exploit for the people at the critical moment. The "gang of four" have committed countless crimes. We strong demand expulsion of the "gang of four" forever from the Party and giving them the severest punishment.

Our struggle against the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. Our great leader Chairman Mao's scientific conclusions that the bourgeoisie "is right in the Communist Party" and "the capitalist roaders are still on the capitalist road" have completely torn off the disguise of this handful of monsters and demons. The bunch of conspirators and careerists Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan were typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist roaders still travelling on the capitalist road. They wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. They opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions; they opposed Chairman Mao's three basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four" to carry out factional activities to split the Party. They were busy engaging in unbridled intrigues and conspiracies in an attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state. If their scheme had succeeded, our Party would turn revisionist, our country would change its political color and the masses of the people would be thrown back into misery. The "gang of four" poked their nose into Fukien, practiced revisionism and splittism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, undermined the Party's centralized leadership, disrupted the unity between the army and the government and between the army and the people, incited one group of the masses to fight against another group, vigorously practiced beating, smashing and looting, created confusion, violated the policy of grasping revolution and promoting production and other work and preparedness against war, and restored capitalism.

The smashing of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in upholding the basic line and policies of the Party thorughout the historical period of socialism, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and preventing capitalist restoration, and in building socialism.

Respected and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee: We are determined to unite most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, resolutely uphold the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, obey the Party Central Committee at any time and in any situation, and defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua with our blood and lives. We will fight resolutely to the finish against anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua. We are determined to act on Chairman Mao's behests, hold aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx-Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. In response to the call of the Party Central Committee, we will adhere to the three basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," wage a resolute struggle against the bunch of conspirators and careerists Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan and completely uncover and eliminate the influence and viruses of the "gang of four" in Fukien. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. Fukien is located at the frontline of coastal defense. We will strengthen army-government and army-people unity, heighten revolutionary vigilance at all times, effectively strengthen preparedness against war, strike at sabotages by class enemies at home and abroad, wipe out any enemy who dares to intrude, and contribute our share to the liberation of Taiwan province. We will take class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, do our work well in all fields, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, consolidate and develop the tremendous achievements of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and carry through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao!

Rally of the armymen and people of Fukien Province, Foochow Municipality and the three services on Fukien Front to celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's Appointment as Chairman of CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

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Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, 300,000 armymen and civilians of Kiangsi province and Nanch'ang municipality, hold a grand rally and, together with the more than 10 million armymen and civilians all over the province who listen in to the live broadcast at the rally, most warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission; we also celebrate most warmly the great victory scored under the wise leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in smashing the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

During the past few days, this extraordinarily happy news spread throughout the cities and the countryside of the province. From the Chingkang Mountains to the Poyang Lake, from the summit of Lushan Mountain to the banks of Kanchiang River, red flags fluttered and the masses were in a festive mood. The 28 millions of sons and daughters of the Chingkang Mountains and the PLA commanders and fighters stationed in the province were immersed in the joy of victory. In all localities, comrades of the Party, government and military organizations, the masses and those engaged in educational and cultural spheres yearned to Peking, the capital city of our great socialist motherland, and to the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. In unison, they hailed Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission; they acclaimed the great victory scored by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng--which carries out Chairman Mao's behests and represents the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country--in smashing by a single blow the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power. They angrily denounced the towering counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four." The waves of anger rolled on with the irresistible momentum of an avalanche. This is really a delight to the people. The situation is excellent indeed.

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as the supreme leader of our Party, our army and our state was an arrangement made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he passed away. This happy event fully expresses the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It gives strong evidence that our Party's cause has worthy successors and is thriving. We have full confidence in and give firm support to the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan is a bunch of out-and-out renegades to Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought who wave a flag to oppose the red flag. They formed a gang, worked hand in glove, did all evil things and brought disaster to the state and the people. They were brougois careerists and conspirators, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road, and the most dangerous and most wicked enemy to the proletariat. If their counter-revolutionary restorationist conspiracy should succeed, our Party would turn revisionist, our state would change its political color, and the broad masses of the laboring people would suffer hardships and live in miseries again. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted extremely wise and resolute measures to eliminate these four pests. This has been a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought.

In the past few years, Kiangsi province has been deeply plagued by the "gang of four." They poked their noses into Kiangsi, fanning evil winds and igniting evil fire everywhere, doing their utmost to cause interference and carry out sabotage. They have committed unpardonable crimes against the people of Kiangsi. The people of Kiangsi who have honorable revolutionary traditions saw, were infuriated at and bitterly hated the criminal activities of the "gang of four." Under the guidance of Chairman Mao's proletarian

revolutionary line, they carried out active struggle. Now, the Party Central committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has accomplished the task assigned by Chairman Mao before he passed away. We have been extraordinarily deeply inspired by the crushing of this counter-revolutionary conspiratorial clique. As people in other parts of the country do, the people of Kiangsi turn their boundless hatred against the "gang of four" into thousands of shells bombarding them, burn their "tiger's skin" in the intense fire of people's war and expose their counter-revolutionary features in broad daylight, so that this handful of counter-revolutionary clowns will receive their punishments from history. All the people are rejoiced over and applaud the crushing of the "gang of four." They raise their arms and hail: "This is excellent! This is fine indeed!"

Our Party's struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. In warm response to the combat call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, we will follow the plans drawn by the Party Central Committee, take a firm stand, hoist a clearcut flag and resolutely struggle to the end against the anti-Party "gang of four." We will not stop till complete victory.

We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, keep to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," protect the unity and unification of the Party, fortify the Party's centralized leadership, strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, and obey the command of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in all our actions.

We will firmly implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and policies, firmly trust the majority of the masses, boldly mobilize the masses to completely lay bare and criticize the counter-revolutionary crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique in conspiring to usurp Party and state power, and to thoroughly eliminate their pernicious influence. In the course of struggle, we will conscientiously keep to the Party's policy, concretely carry out Chairman Mao's directive of "learning from past mistakes in order to avoid future ones; curing the illness to save the patient" and "helping more people by educating them and narrowing the target of attack," and unite with all people who can be united with. We will resolutely track down and hit at those who start political rumors and put up reactionary slogans which direct the spearhead at the great leader Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We will intensify ideological and political work on the masses and adopt effective measures to eliminate bourgeois factionalism. We will keep to the principle of combining the old, the middle-aged and the young, protect the newborn forces which comply with the five requirements for the training of successors drawn up by Chairman Mao, protect the new socialist things, and consolidate and develop the victorious gains made during the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will seriously educate the cadres to adopt a correct attitude toward the great proletarian cultural revolution, toward the masses and toward themselves.

We are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, quickly start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and

Lenin and Chairman Mao's works throughout the province. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will resolutely combat and prevent revisionism and consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat. Our leading cadres at all levels will stand in the fore of the movement, take the lead in studying, applying and criticizing, go deep to the basic level to study, work and live together with the masses, restrict bourgeois rights and consciously transform their world outlook. We will uphold the policy "Grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war" and "dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere and never seek hegemony," and seize fresh, still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction.

"Wind and thunder are stirring, flags and banners are flying wherever men live." During the red-letter days when the whole country is in jubilation, we, 28 million sons and daughters of the Chingkang Mountains, and the PLA commanders and fighters stationed in our province are deeply stirred and filled with pride and emotion. We solemnly pledge to the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng: We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, firmly remember Chairman Mao's teachings, rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carry forward the revolutionary traditions, win still greater glory, display the thoroughgoing revolutionary spirit of the Chiangkang Mountains nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, make strenuous efforts to do better our work in all fields, go further to develop the excellent current situation and carry through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao!

Firmly support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission!

Down with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The rally of the armymen and civilians of Kiangsi province to celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to celebrate the great victory in crushing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

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Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

On the red-letter days when the whole country is holding celebrations and the entire masses are in jubilation, we, all commanders and fighters of the PLA Tsinan Units, are in great joy and in high spirits. We have held ceremonious rallies and grand demonstrations to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission, to indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and to warmly hail the great victory of the CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in crushing at a single blow the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power! All of us cadres, fighters, staff members and workers and their dependents wish to extend our loftiest revolutionary respect to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee.

Our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao was far-sighted and had sharp insight. He already saw through the conspiracies and wolfish ambition of the "gang of four" and delivered very important directives many times on smashing the "gang of four." Chairman Mao's important directives have indicated the orientation of today's struggle for us and guaranteed the victory of this great struggle. At a critical moment that concerns the Party's and state's prospects and destiny, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and implementing his directives, promptly, resolutely and decisively smashed the vicious scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power and solved this major issue which Chairman Mao wanted us to solve. This fully demonstrates the boldness and vision of the proletarian revolutionaries and fully reflects the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the hundreds of millions of people throughout the country. The crushing of the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power means the weeding out of a big pest from the Party. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought and for the great proletarian cultural revolution! It is also a most forceful and telling blow at the bourgeoisie both inside and outside the Party and at the class enemies at home and abroad. It is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for our Party in upholding the basic line and policies formulated for the Party by Chairman Mao for the entire historical period of socialism, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, in preventing capitalist restoration and in building socialism. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the fine successor selected by Chairman Mao himself. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is loyal to Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and to Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tsetung Thought and is of one heart with the people throughout the country. We fully trust that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng can surely lead us to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, advance from victory to new and still greater victory along Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and carry the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a bunch of bourgeois conspirators and careerists of the Khrushchev and Lin Piao type. They wantonly

tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of international and domestic issues, opposed Chairman Mao's basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed the "gang of four" to launch sectarian activities to split the Party and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies in a frenzied attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state. Numerous facts show that they are the "worms" which sneaked into the revolutionary ranks and are sham Marxist swindlers who "seek self-interest in the name of revolution." They are counter-revolutionary double-dealers who "spoke nice things to your face but played tricks behind your back." They spent money like water and were vampires sucking the blood of workers and poor and lower-middle peasants. They are the arch criminals who sabotaged Chairman Mao's great strategic plan, undermined revolution and sabotaged production. They are the typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and are the unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They are the arch enemies of the Communist Party, the working class, the people and the nation. If the scheme of the "gang of four" had succeeded, our Party would have turned revisionist, our country would have changed its political color, our army would degenerate, our people would suffer a disaster and the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao would be ruined. The vast majority of commanders and fighters long ago saw and hated the criminal activities of the "gang of four." Its crimes are inexpiable and its has completely forfeited the confidence of the people. It blustered and swaggered like a conquering hero but actually was very weak and quite isolated. It vainly attempted to split our Party, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. This could only be a daydream and wishful thinking. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has removed the four pests and shattered their counter-revolutionary scheme for restoration. This has indeed redressed the people's grievances and is much to their satisfaction. This has indeed cheered the people up and won their full approval. Facts have once again proved that Chairman Mao's scientific theses that the bourgeoisie "is Right in the Communist Party" and "the capitalist roaders are still on the capitalist road" are boundlessly wise and correct. Ours is a party founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao. It is a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party. It is a great, glorious and correct party. This party of ours has a great future. The people, the party and the entire party membership are of one mind in opposing a split. It is far from easy to crush our Party. Having dug out the "gang of four," our Party will become even more united, even more consolidated and even stronger. Anyone who practices revisionism and splittism and engages in intrigues and conspiracies is bound to be punished by history and will come to no good end!

All of us cadres and fighters make this solemn pledge to the Party Central Committee: In this great struggle to shatter the "gang of four" we will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, obey the Party Central Committee's orders in all our actions, keep to the three basic principles "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persist in continuing revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and consolidate and expand the victorious gains of the

great proletarian cultural revolution. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, we will fully mobilize the masses to thoroughly expose and criticize the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four," strictly implement the specific and general policies set forth by the Party Central Committee, unite with all the people that can be united with, and carry the struggle against the "gang of four" anti-Party clique through to the end. We must resolutely respond to the Party Central Committee's call, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will adopt a correct attitude toward the great proletarian cultural revolution, toward the masses and toward ourselves and ardently support new socialist things. We will resolutely implement Chairman Mao's great strategic policies "Grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war" and "Dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere, and never seek hegemony," implement Chairman Mao's proletarian line on army building, strengthen army building and militia building, heighten vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war, and resolutely smash the disturbance and sabotage of the class enemies at home and abroad. We will bravely struggle to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, and safeguard the great socialist motherland!

All commanders and fighters of the PLA Tsinan Units

October 23, 1976

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Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commision of the Party Central Committee:

Like a powerful East wind, the Party Central Committee's wise decision has blown away the dark clouds that once hung over our hearts. We are filled with emotion, proud and elated, and we are beaming with smiles! We hold a grand meeting to celebrate most enthusiastically Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and its Military Commission, to celebrate most enthusiastically the great victory in crushing with a single blow the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the "gang of four." We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

At a time when the hundreds of millions of armymen and civilians throughout the country were mourning with immense grief the passing away of Chairman Mao, the mad anti-Party "gang of four" hastily came out in the open and attempted to usurp Party and state power and push the Chinese people back into misery. At this critical moment, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng carried out Chairman Mao's behests and took resolute measures to shatter the anti-Party scheme of the "gang of four," thereby saving the Party and the revolution. This wise decision represents the fundamental

interests of the proletariat and the masses of the working people and reflects the common wishes of us all, the commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with us. The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Party Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission was arranged by the great leader Chairman Mao before he passed away, and answers the common wish of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. We, cadres and fighters, wholeheartedly support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as the leader of our Party and the supreme commander of our army.

The struggle waged by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to crush the anti-Party "gang of four" is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is a great victory for the great cultural revolution, a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is of tremendous immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in adhering to the basic line and policies formulated by Chairman Mao himself for our Party for the socialist period, and in combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. It will be recorded with great splendor in the annals of the Chinese revolution and the annals of the international communist movement.

With great proletarian indignation, all the commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units express their strongest denunciation against the towering crimes of the "gang of four" in attempting to usurp Party and state power. The "gang of four" are unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road inside the Party, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and conspirators and careerists like Khrushchev hiding in our Party. They wantonly tampered with and opposed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and vigorously practiced revisionism. They sabotaged the great cultural revolution, disrupted the criticism of Lin Piao and Confucius and the struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and interfered with Chairman Mao's great strategic plans. They ganged up into a faction and carried out sectarian activities to split the Party, the army and the masses. They established their own system, lorded it over others, did as they wished, put their sinister nose into everything everywhere, and caused disturbance in some areas and units for a long period. They worshipped things foreign, fawned on foreigners, maintained illicit foreign relations, and unscrupulously practiced capitulationism and national betrayal. They led an extremely rotten way of life and were worse than the capitalists. They dominated the public media, spread rumors and confused the people. They undermined the policy "Grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war" and sabotaged the socialist revolution and socialist construction in our country. In order to achieve their criminal aim of usurping Party and state power, they even confounded right and wrong, called black white, blatantly denied the dominant position of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line in the PLA Nanking Units, and blatantly negated the great achievements made by the broad masses of our commanders and fighters in the great cultural revolution and in the struggles to criticize Lin Piao and Confucius, to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and to beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. They vainly attempt to confuse and crush the PLA Nanking Units. We feel strongly about this and are extremely indignant! Histor

is relentless. The "gang of four" committed innumerable crimes and lost all popular support. Although they ran wild for a while, in the end they cannot escape the ignominious end of destruction.

We, all commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units, are determined to uphold the three basic principles advanced by Chairman Mao--"Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire"--resolutely uphold the unity and unification of the Party, wage resolute struggles against statements and actions that run counter to the three basic principles, resolutely implement the "three main rules of discipline and eight points for attention," resolutely follow the Party Central Committee's leadership, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, and carry out whatever decisions the Party Central Committee makes! We will fight to the end against anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng! We are determined to carry forward the thorough-going revolutionary spirit of "relentlessly beat the dog in the water" advocated by Lu Hsün, further denounce, expose and criticize this bunch of pests' towering crimes, thoroughly repudiate and discredit them and completely eradicate their poisonous influence. We will never stop till complete victory!

We, all commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units, will resolutely respond to the Party Central Committee's call, start a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, strive to raise our ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We are determined to consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution in the course of the struggle, consciously restrict bourgeois rights, enthusiastically support the new socialist things, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We are determined to implement Chairman Mao's army-building line, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war and do our work better in all fields. We are determined to heighten our vigilance and strengthen preparedness against war and are ready at all times to crush sabotage activities and surprise attacks by class enemies at home and abroad. We defy death to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and to defend our great socialist motherland. We will continue our triumphant advance along the course charted by Chairman Mao himself!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

All commanders and fighters of the PLA Nanking Units

October 22, 1976

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Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the CCP Central Committee and the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee:

We all commanders and fighters of the three services of the PLA units on the Fukien front, staff workers and dependents, with profound feelings of joy, warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission, and hail the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was chosen by the great leader Chairman Mao himself as his successor. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as the Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission fully reflects the common wish of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and insures that the leadership of our Party and state will be in the hands of proletarian revolutionaries. This is a major event of decisive significance which will affect the destiny and future of our Party and state. Now that Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, in whom Chairman Mao had boundless faith and whom the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the nation deeply love, is the leader of our Party, our Party and state have a reliable helmsman to continue our victorious advance along the revolutionary path pioneered by Chairman Mao. We fully trust and wholeheartedly support the CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng carries out Chairman Mao's behests and represents the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. At the critical moment in the Chinese revolution, it adopted resolute measures to smash with a single blow the counter-revolutionary scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power and to ferret out this handful of pests, thereby eliminating a bane in the Party, saving the revolution and the Party and consolidating the dictatorship of the dictatorship of the proletariat in China. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. Now the "gang of four" has been exposed and the "four pests" have been eliminated. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval. The whole country is a scene of jubilation. We warmly acclaim the great, decisive victory of the proletariat in its life-and-death struggle against the bourgeoisie.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique committed heinous crimes. They frenziedly opposed great leader Chairman Mao and his proletarian revolutionary line, vigorously practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies. During the period when Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he passed away, they launched attacks more frantically on the Party and hastily attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state. They are a handful of conspirators and careerists who have betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and

the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. Having lost all popular sympathy, the "gang of four" was completely isolated and very weak. It was bound to fail. The victory of this struggle is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in upholding the basic line and policies formulated for the Party by Chairman Mao, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, and in preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. This victory shows that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party, and as a great, glorious and correct party. It is far from easy for anyone to crush our Party. "This party of ours has a great future."

As we celebrate this great, historic victory of our Party, we are determined to rally most closely round the CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, and obey the command of the CCP Central Committee in all our actions. We will definitely carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, and uphold the principles: "Practice Marxism-Leninism, and not revisionism; unite,and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic link, and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and resolutely struggle against them to the end. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will enthusiastically support new socialist things, consciously restrict bourgeois rights, and consolidate and develop the gains made in the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will firmly implement Chairman Mao's proletarian line in army building and strengthen the building of PLA units and the people's militia. We will "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war." We will go further to enhance the unity between the army and the government and between the army and the people. We will heighten revolutionary vigilance, and resolutely hit at the sabotage activities of the class enemies. We will firmly strengthen preparedness against war, further enhance the army-people joint defense, and be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy who dares to intrude. We are determined to liberate Taiwan. We will defy death to defend the CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and to defend the great socialist motherland. We pledge to carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The CCP Committee of PLA Foochow Units

October 23, 1976

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Kwangtung, Honan, Hupeh, Hunan, Shensi, and Kansu Provinces and Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee, and PLA Kwangchow, Wuhan and Lanchow Units Sends Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and Its Military Commission

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Message of Salute from Kwangtung Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

At the foot of the White Cloud Mountain is a sea of red flags; on both banks of the Pearl River, cheers surge like the roaring tide. Today, we, one million armymen and people of Kwangtung province and the PLA Kwangchow Units hold a grand rally and demonstration in Kwangchow municipality, warmly celebrating the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and warmly celebrating the great victory in smashing the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan! We all Communist Party members of Kwangtung province and the people of the whole province, and all commanders and fighters of the Chinese PLA Kwangchow Units completely support the resolution of the Party Central Committee and firmly support the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee. We hail once and again that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has its worthy successors. We firmly support the resolute measures adopted by the Party Central Committee toward the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and hail a thousand times the great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought! We angrily denounce the vile crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique!

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a bunch of revisionists that run counter to Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and wave a red flag to oppose the red flag, a bunch of extremely malicious conspirators and careerists. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders taking the capitalist road. For a long period of time, this bunch of counter-revolutionary double-dealers, Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, decieved the Party and the people, complied in public but opposed in private the great leader Chairman Mao's solemn criticism, formed an anti-Party and counter-revolutionary "gang of four," opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions, opposed Chairman Mao's basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," practiced revisionism and splitism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, sabotaged Chairman Mao's strategic plans, placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee, lorded it over other people, did as they wished, and frenziedly attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They did all evils and committed vile crimes, which defy counting. Our struggle against the "gang of four" is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. Should the scheme of this anti-Party clique be fulfilled, our Party would turn revisionist, our country would change its political color and our people would suffer serious disaster again. At this crucial moment,

the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng carried out Chairman Mao's behest, loyally implemented Chairman Mao's wise directive on settling the problem of the "gang of four", and adopted resolute measures in smashing at one stroke the "gang of four," a counter-revolutionary conspiratorial clique, thereby getting rid of a major danger inside the Party. This was much to the satisfaction of the people, gained the confidence of the people and greatly inspired the people. This completely represents the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and fully reflects that the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with the people of the whole country. This is a great example of putting to practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and a great victory of Mao Tsetung Thought. This is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance to our Party in carrying out henceforth the basic line and policies laid down by Chairman Mao for our Party for the entire historical period of socialism, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat of our country, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique forfeited the confidence of all people and was extremely isolated and feeble. In front of the Chinese people and the Chinese PLA armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, their scheme to usurp Party and state power was bound to be thoroughly smashed. We are filled with pride and the confidence in a sure victory of the revolution in the future. We firmly believe that under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and after the crushing of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, our country will thrive all the more and our proletarian revolutionary cause will surely win ever more glorious victories!

We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao, persevere in the basic principles of the "three dos and three don'ts," obey the order of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, wage a resolute struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, consolidate and develop the fruits of victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao. We will whip up a new high tide in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's writings, take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," "dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere and never seek hegemony," be concerned with the well-being of the people, restrict bourgeois rights, launch in depth the mass movements of learning from Tach'ing in industry and learning from Tachai in agriculture, and strive to do better our work in all fields. We will heighten our vigilance a hundredfold, strictly guard against the sabotage and disturbance of the class enemies at home and abroad, deal resolute

blows at the sabotage activities of a handful of counter-revolutionaries, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, safeguard the southern gateway to the socialist motherland and seize still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction.

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

The rally of Kwangtung province and the PLA Kwangchow Units to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and to warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Honan Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

In the red-letter days when the whole nation was in jubilance and the people joined in the celebration, we, the 500,000 armymen and people of Honan province, hold a grand rally to warmly celebrate together with the people throughout the nation and the province the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of CCP Central Committee and to warmly hail the great victory of our Party in crushing the Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan anti-Party clique.

The vast central plains seethe with joy, and cheers thunder on both banks of the Yellow River. In the past few days, 50 million people of our province, beating gongs and drums, held rallies and demonstrations, gaily expressed their heart-felt love and support for the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua and angrily denounced the vile crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four."

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua, you are the successor selected by our great leader Chairman Mao himself. Your assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee is the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole Army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. With you in charge, Chairman Mao was at ease, and so are the whole Party, the whole Army and people of all nationalities throughout the country. With you as its leader, our Party will thrive, our country will prosper and we will be able to forge ahead triumphantly along the revolutionary course charted by Chairman Mao. We love and support you from the bottom of our hearts and we have complete confidence in you and will warmly support you. The Party Central Committee

headed by you is of one heart with the people throughout the country. At a time when hundreds of millions of armymen and people were in deep mourning for our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, and in the crucial moment of the life-and-death struggle between the two class, the two roads and two lines, it was the Party Central Committee headed by you that carries out Chairman Mao's behest and, with the great resolve of the proletariat, adopted wise, resolute measures to smash at one stroke the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, thus ridding the Party of a hidden danger, ridding the country of pests and redressing the grievances of the people, clearing away the dark clouds in the skies over the motherland, and saving the revolution and the Party and saving our people from the serious disaster of counter-revolutionary restoration. This is a great example of putting to practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and a decisive, great victory the proletariat gained in repulsing the attack of the bourgeoisie. This eloquently proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a Party founded, steeled and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist Party and as a great, glorious and correct Party.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" committed towering crimes and were notorious to the utmost. The people long ago discerned and were infuriated at their scheme. Under the ensign of Marxism, the "gang of four" vigorously practiced revisionism and opposed Chairman Mao, Mao Tsetung Thought and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. Taking the opportunities when Chairman Mao was serious illness and after he passed away, they frenziedly attacked the Party and hastily attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They worked hand in glove, entered into a gang, established their own system inside the Party, went their own way, lorded it over other people, did as they wished, and placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. Those who obeyed them would prosper and those who disagreed with them would perish. They fabricated accusations against others and labelled everybody in an attempt to overthrow a large number of leading Party, government and army comrades in the Central organs and various localities. They complied in public but opposed in private, said one thing but meant another, put their nose into everything everywhere to stir up trouble, busily made intrigues and conspiracies, vigorously practiced splittism, maintained illicit foreign relationship, worshipped things foreign, fawned on foreigners and unscrupulously practiced capitulationism and national betrayal. The "gang of four" is a bunch of bourgeois conspirators and careerists that wormed their way into the Party. They are bourgeois elements sucking the blood of the workers and poor and lower-middle peasants, unrepentant capitalist-roaders taking the capitalist road, and the common enemies of the people of the whole country. Their rise to power means the rise to power of the big landlord and big bourgeois classes and of fascism. Should their conspiracies succeed, our Party would turn revisionist, our country would change its political color and the people would suffer. They had committed all evils, forfeited the confidence of the people and were extremely isolated and feeble. The overthrow of the "gang of four" is much to the satisfaction of the people, has gained their approval and has greatly inspired them.

We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, and fight our way in the direction charted by the Party Central Committee.

We will respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, raise high the great red flag of Mao Tsetung Thought, carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao, take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, keep to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," whip up a new high tide in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's writings, thoroughly expose and criticize the Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan anti-Party clique, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, enthusiastically support socialist new things, consolidate and develop the fruits of victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war, do our various tasks still better, win honor for the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua, make up as soon as possible the losses caused by the interference and sabotage of the "gang of four," further develop the excellent situation and consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Looking into the future, we are filled with confidence and pride. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the guidance of Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, we can surely achieve our goal.

The rally of the armymen and people of the capital city of Honan province to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and the Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and to warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and State power

October 25, 1976

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Message of Salute from Hupeh Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

We 1.3 million armymen and people in Hupeh province and Wuhan municipality held a mammoth rally and parade on October 22 in warm celebration and in firm support of your appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission! We warmly hail the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

In the past few days, the areas south of the Tapiehshan Mountains and along the Yangtze and Han Rivers were packed with jubilant crowds carrying a forest of red flags. The broad masses of workers, peasants and soldiers throughout the province were filled with excitement and jubilation. They unanimously hailed the prompt implementation of the wise policy formulated by great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he died. Respected and beloved

Chairman Hua Kuo-feng: You have been appointed as the supreme leader of our Party, our state and our army. This is a great happy event worthy of nationwide celebration. It reflects the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the nation. It irrefutably proves that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has its worthy successor. We deeply believe that with the Party Central Committee headed by you, the cause of our Party will definitely thrive, our dictatorship of the proletariat will be further consolidated, and our socialist nation will certainly prosper. We fully trust and firmly support the Party Central Committee headed by you.

We furiously denounce the heinous crimes of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan in frenziedly attempting to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. This group of conspirators and careerists formed a "gang of four," openly betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, wantonly tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, practiced revisionism in the guise of Marxism, advocated splittism, and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies. They opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions, and did many evil things. A host of facts irrefutably prove that they are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie within the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, and the sworn enemies of the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country. Should their plot succeed, our Party will become revisionist, our nation will change its political color, capitalism will be restored in our country, and the broad masses of working people will suffer again. We have already perceived the criminal activities of the "gang of four," and hate them to the marrow. Acting upon Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests of the proletariat and the masses of laboring people, the Party Central Committee headed by you adopted resolute and decisive measures to shatter, at one blow, this counter-revolutionary conspiratorial clique of Wang Hung-wne, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and eliminated the four pests for us. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought, and a telling blow to the class enemies at home and abroad and to imperialism, revisionism and reaction. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their firm support. Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua Kuo-feng: The Party Central Committee headed by you, displaying the dauntless revolutionary spirit of the proletariat, timely exposed and shattered the "gang of four" anti-Party clique. This fully proves that you are the brilliant leader of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of the country. This also proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party, and as a great, glorious and correct party. Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua Kuo-feng: We will certainly rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by you, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and of Chairman Mao. We will definitely persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line, and adhere to the three basic principles: "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire."

Under the centralized leadership of the Party, we will resolutely struggle against the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will heighten our vigilance, strictly guard against the sabotage activities of the handful of class enemies, grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, and carry out better our work in all fields throughout the province. We will valiantly fight to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and the Party Central Committee headed by you, to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, to safeguard the socialist motherland, and to carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao!

The CCP Hupeh Provincial Committee, the Hupeh Provincial Revolutionary Committee, and the PLA Hupeh Provincial Military Command

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Hunan Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

"The mighty thunderbolt stuns the world; the East wind sweeps away clouds over the vast land." The people in Chairman Mao's homeland have been greatly inspired by the joyous event of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and by the great victory in smashing the conspiracy of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. During the past few days, the four major rivers across Hunan were a scene of jubilation and the people both inside and outside the Party were in high spirits. Today, some 500,000 armymen and people in the capital of the province, in a jubilant mood and with soaring morale, held a solemn rally in warm celebration of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission. They enthusiastically hailed the great victory in smashing the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, and the swift implementation of the wise decision Chairman Mao made before he died. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has consistently and closely followed in the footsteps of our great leader Chairman Mao, resolutely implemented and defended his proletarian revolutionary line, and has always been loyal to the cause of the Party and wholeheartedly worked for the interests of the majority of people. Before he died, Chairman Mao had high faith in and praised Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission fully reflects the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It also shows that the Party founded by Chairman Mao himself and long tempered in class struggle and the struggle between the two lines is a great, glorious and correct party, and the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao is thriving and has its worthy successor. This is a fundamental guarantee for our Party's continuing advance along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. We fully trust and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

We are confident that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng surely can lead the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country to advance courageously and forever along the revolutionary path blazed by Chairman Mao and to carry the great proletarian revolutionary cause through to the end.

The anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan was a big bane to our Party. Taking the attitude of complying in public and opposing in private, they opposed our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, and deliberately tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. They opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions and practiced revisionism. They formed a "gang of four" in order to carry out factional activities to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They engaged in intrigues and conspiracies in a vain attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state, to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and to restore capitalism. Our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao was aware of their conspiracies and ambition long ago and severely criticized and patiently educated them on several occasions. Unwilling to show any repentance, they eventually betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and degenerated into an anti-Party clique of conspirators and careerists. Wang, Chang, Chiang and Yao are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, and the most vicious enemies of the proletariat. Our struggle against them is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism, and between Marxism and revisionism. Faithfully carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng smashed at one blow the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, thus saving our Party and our country. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. The shattering of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique is of great immediate and far-reaching historical significance in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, in preventing capitalist restoration, and in building socialism.

Hunan province is the hometown of our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and is where Chairman Hua Kuo-feng once worked for several years. For the purpose of opposing Chairman Mao and plotting to usurp Party and state power, the "gang of four" was busy engaging in other intrigues and conspiracies and extended its sinister hands into Hunan to carry out a series of sabotage activities. In this great struggle to smash the "gang of four," we armymen and people throughout the province are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, take a firm stand and clearcut attitude, wage a resolute struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thoroughly expose and penetratingly criticize their counter-revolutionary crimes. In the course of struggle, we will quickly start a new upsurge in studying the works

by Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao. Particularly, we will conscientiously study Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, the Party's basic line and three basic principles, and the series of Chairman Mao's important instructions: "The bourgeoisie is right in the Party" and "The capitalist-roaders are still on the capitalist road." Only in this way can we constantly raise our ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism and to recognize the capitalist roaders inside the Party and can we heighten our consciousness of classes and the struggle between the two lines. We pledge to strengthen the centralized leadership of the Party, resolutely implement Chairman Mao's general and specific policies, persist in uniting with more than 95 percent of cadres and masses in the common struggle against enemies. We pledge to enthusiastically support the new socialist things, uphold the principle of the three-in-one combination of the old, the middle-aged and the young, protect the newly emerging forces compatible with the five requirements laid down by Chairman Mao for successors, consciously restrict bourgeois rights, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will certainly heighten our revolutionary vigilance, resolutely deal blows at the sabotage activities of a handful of class enemies, and further consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will "grasp revolution, promote production and other work, and promote preparedness against war" and "dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere, and never seek hegemony," and fully mobilize the masses to exert revolutionary efforts to fulfill or overfulfill the national economic plan, to work hard to develop the excellent situation in Hunan, and to strive for a still greater victory in socialist revolution and construction.

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Chairman Mao will forever live in our hearts!

Rally of the armymen and people of the capital city of Hunan province to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and State power

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

The people of all nationalities of Kwangsi and the broad masses of commanders and fighters of the Kwangsi Military District warmly hailed the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and warmly celebrated the great victory of our Party in crushing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party leadership and seize state power. In the past few days, the armymen and people of the whole region were inspired and filled with joy. They hailed from the bottom of their hearts in the languages of different nationalities: Resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng! Resolutely topple the "gang of four" anti-Party clique! Long live the invincible Mao Tsetung Thought!

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee was a wise decision made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao. It fully manifests the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole Army and people of all nationalities throughout the country and is a heavy blow on the bourgeoisie inside and outside the Party, and on imperialism, revisionism and reaction. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng loyally carries on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao, unswervingly carries out and defends Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and far-sightedly lays down a series of important instructions. At the crucial moment of a serious struggle concerning whether or not our Party would turn revisionist and whether or not our state would change color, it resolutely adopted revolutionary measures to crush at one stroke the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, thus saving the revolution and the Party. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has gained their approval. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is loyal to the Party's cause. It represents the fundamental interests of the proletariat and the broad masses of working people. It has the great resolve of the proletariat and is rich in the experience of struggle. It has gained Chairman Mao's boundless trust and the utmost love and support from the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Practice of struggle shows that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has its worthy successor. We have complete confidence in and will resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as the leader of our Party!

The great leader Chairman Mao had deep insight. He put forward many times that it was necessary to crush the "gang of four". He seriously warned them: "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire. Don't function as a gang of four, don't do it any more,why do you keep doing it?" However, these few humming flies were dashing themselves against the wall. They refused to repent and went so far that they finally degenerated into an anti-Party clique of careerists and conspirators. They disguised themselves as theoretical authorities of the proletariat. In fact, they were despicable renegades to Marxism. They wantonly tempered with Chairman Mao's directives and even forged the so-called last words of Chairman Mao at his deathbed to

confuse people. They disguised themselves as representatives of the correct line. In fact, they were political swindlers running counter to Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, directors of beating, smashing and looting during the great proletarian cultural revolution, the evil roots that played down the criticism of Lin Piao and Confucius and the black hands diverting the main orientation of the struggle to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing. They called themselves Chairman Mao's "pupils." In fact, they placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee, did as they wished and lorded it over other people. They bragged about themselves as people inside Chairman Mao's headquarters. In fact, they were a bunch of careerists plotting to establish a bourgeois empire, frenziedly attacking the Party, and hastily attempting to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. What was beyond our toleration was that they went so far as to frenziedly persecute the great leader Chairman Mao. They had committed all evils on earth and completely forfeited the confidence of the people. Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan were typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders taking the capitalist road. The smashing of the "gang of four" is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought.

After the struggle to smash the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, the four pests have been eliminated and our great, glorious and correct Party is becoming purer, stronger, more united and more prosperous. Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, we have the determination, the confidence, the ambition and the ability; we will get together with the people throughout the country to do better the work of China and to render greater contribution to the world revolution.

We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. In the course of continued revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, no matter what violent winds and evil waves we may encounter and no matter what may happen in the world, we will obey the command of the Party Central Committee, break all waves and forge ahead heroically.

We will take class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line and policies, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, wage resolute struggles against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thoroughly expose and criticize their counter-revolutionary vile crimes, deeply criticize their counter-revolutionary revisionist line and thoroughly mop up their pernicious influence.

We will raise high the great red flag of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's writings, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempts to reverse verdicts, persevere in "grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war", consolidate and develop the fruits of victory of the great proletariat cultural

revolution and seize greater victories in the socialist revolution and socialist construction!

The CCP Committee of Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region, the Revolutionary Committee of Kwangsi Chuang Autonomous Region, and the PLA Kwangsi Military District

October 24, 1976

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Message of Salute from Shensi Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we, 600,000 armymen and civilians of Shensi province and Sian municipality, our hearts filled with proletarian revolutionary pride, hold a grand rally to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and to warmly acclaim the great victory won by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in taking wise and resolute measures to shatter with a single blow the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

The people are jubilant in celebrating the victory, and the elimination of the "four pests" gives the people great satisfaction. In the past few days, from the ancient city of Sian to the Paota Mountain, from areas on both sides of the Great Wall to the banks of the Han River, the 26 million sons and daughters of Yenan are filled with emotion and rush to tell each other the good news. The mammoth demonstrations, the beating of gongs and drums and the thunderous cheers combine into one common voice: "Warmly support the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission!" "Resolutely overthrow the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!"

The anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a whole series of domestic and international questions, and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four" to carry out sectarian activities to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They vigorously engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, stirred up troubles everywhere, fabricated accusations against comrades, and attempted to overthrow a large number of leading party, government and army comrades in the central and local organs. They made use of the public media under their control, distorted the facts, confounded right and wrong, made rumors, and confused the people. They worshipped things foreign, fawned on foreigners, maintained illicit foreign relationships, and unscrupulously practiced capitulationism and national betrayal. They established their own system inside the Party, did as they wished, lorded it over other people and placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. During the

period when Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he passed away, they became more frantic in attacking the Party and hastily attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. Their crimes defy counting. At the critical moment on which the future and destiny of the Party and state hinged, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng crushed the anti-Party "gang of four" resolutely and in good time, thus realizing the wish which Chairman Mao did not have time to realize before he died. Wang, Chang, Chiang and Yao, a gang of careerists and conspirators, told all kinds of lies and committed every evil. They had neither the truth in their hands nor the masses around them. They were hated by many and lost all popular support. Once they were exposed, they instantly collapsed. This really gives the people great satisfaction, and the people are very happy about this.

While celebrating the victory, we, sons and daughters of Yenan who have long been nurtured by Mao Tsetung Thought, sing "The East Is Red" and cherish the memory of the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao. Facing the current struggle and recalling the days and nights when we followed Chairman Mao in struggle in Yenan, we are filled with emotion and pride. It was Chairman Mao who personally presided over the Yenan meeting, completed the struggle against Chang Kuo-tao's Right opportunist line that started at the Pahsi meeting, and repudiated Chang Kuo-tao's counter-revolutionary double-dealing behavior in splitting the Party, disrupting the Long March and attempting to set up a separate central committee, and settled accounts with his crimes in betraying the Party. It was Chairman Mao who personally initiated the Yenan rectification campaign, summed up the historical experience of the struggle between the two lines within the Party, rectified the Party's style of work according to the ideological principle of Marxism-Leninism, and repudiated Wang Ming's opportunist line which was characteristic of dogmatism. How similar the things done today by the "gang of four" are to those done by Wang Ming and Chang Kuo-tao! They are birds of a feather! Our struggle against them is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. Our Party has developed and grown up in the course of the struggle against the Right and "Left" opportunist lines. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has taken resolute measures, removed the stumbling block, and crushed the "gang of four," making our Party purer, more united and stronger.

The lofty pagoda faces the rising sun; the hearts of the sons and daughters of Yenan are with the Party. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has smashed the anti-Party "gang of four," representing the basic interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of various nationalities of the whole country and reflecting the common aspiration of the 800 million people. This fully proves that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with the people of the whole country. This fully proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded and tempered by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party. This also fully proves that the revolutionary cause of the proletariat has worthy successors and that it has a brilliant future. We are resolved to respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, promptly

whip up a new upsurge in studying the works by Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works on a provincial scale, carry on Chairman Mao's behests, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We are resolved to conscientiously implement Chairman Mao's three basic principles "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We are resolved to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the leadership of the Party Central Committee, act in accordance with the command of the Party Central Committee, resolutely uphold the Party's unity and unification, conscientiously implement Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies, and thoroughly expose and criticize the crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party gang. We are resolved to continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, restrict bourgeois rights, warmly support the new socialist things and consolidate and develop the triumphant results of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We are resolved to grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, carry out better the socialist revolution and construction in our province and strive to make still greater contributions to the human race.

"Wind and thunder are stirring, flags and banners are flying wherever men live." We have the guidance of invincible Mao Tsetung Thought, the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the powerful and invincible people's army and the heroic people who are armed with Mao Tsetung Thought and have been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution. There is a bright future for our Party, our country and our cause. We have full confidence in the bright future of communism. "Unite and hold till tomorrow, and the Internationale shall surely be realized."

The rally of Shensi province and Sian municipality for warmly celebrating Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointments as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and warmly hailing the great victory in smashing the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Kansu Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, with infinite joy and revolutionary pride, we, 300,000 armymen and civilians of Kansu Province and the PLA Lanchow Units, hold a grand rally in Lanchow to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. This is a great happy event in the

political life of our Party, our army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The vast land of Kansu is a scene of jubilation, and the masses on both banks of the Yellow River seethe with joy.

In accordance with arrangements made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before he passed away, the CCP Central Committee made a decision on October 7, 1976 on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. This is a great, wise decision. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has been faithfully carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and resolutely implementing and courageously defending Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. He is loyal to the Party and the people. Chairman Mao was at ease with him in charge. We too have complete faith in him. We warmly hail the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. We will resolutely struggle to the end against anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a gang of out-and-out conspirators and careerists of the Khrushchev type, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They completely refused to heed Chairman Mao's repeated, severe criticism and education, stubbornly persisted in practicing revisionism and splittism and engaging in intrigues and conspiracies, unscrupulously tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, undermined Chairman Mao's great strategic plans, did as they wished, lorded it over other people, and pursued a counter-revolutionary revisionist line. Especially infuriating is the fact that during the period when Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he passed away, this bunch of evildoers went from bad to worse, frantically attacked the Party, impatiently tried to usurp Party and state power, and attempted to overthrow the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. At the critical moment, to shatter this counter-revolutionary restorationist conspiracy which would bring serious disaster to the Chinese people, the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng took resolute measures against the "gang of four." This has been absolutely correct and very wise. The overthrow of the "gang of four" means the elimination of a big evil. This gives great satisfaction to the people and wins their full approval. It entirely represents the fundamental interests and the common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is of tremendous immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance in combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. History once again eloquently shows: This Party of ours has a bright future! It is not easy to crush our Party.

Respected and beloved Party Central Committee: In this arduous struggle, we, 18 million people of various nationalities of Kansu province and all the commanders and fighters of the PLA Lanchow Units, are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions.

We will resolutely respond to the Party Central Committee's call, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, quickly start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold the three basic principles of "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," resolutely carry the struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique through to the end, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts and consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will strengthen the Party's centralized leadership, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, adhere to the policy of grasping revolution and promoting production and other work and preparedness against war, heighten our revolutionary vigilance, deal resolute blows at a handful of class enemies' sabotage and trouble-making, and be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy that dares to intrude. We will defy death to defend Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and our great socialist motherland.

The future is bright; the road is tortuous. On the revolutionary road, no matter how many violent storms will appear and no matter what difficulties and dangers will confront us, so long as we are guided by the brilliance of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and so long as we have the strong leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, we certainly can overcome all difficulties, confidently seize one victory after another, and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The rally of Kansu Province and the PLA Lanchow Units to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from the PLA Kwangchow Units

Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee, and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

The whole of Kwangtung province is in jubilation. All the commanders and fighters of the PLA Kwangchow Units, along with the whole Party, the whole army and the hundreds of millions of people throughout the country, leap with

joy and are filled with pride and sentiments. They warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and the great victory in smashing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and warmly acclaim the rapid implementation of the wise decision Chairman Mao made before he passed away!

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission was in accordance with the far-sighted arrangement made by Chairman Mao before he passed away. It constitutes the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee has insured that the Party and the state leadership is forever in the hands of Marxists-Leninists and shows that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao is flourishing and has a worthy successor. This is an immense inspiration to the revolutionary people and a heavy blow to the class enemies at home and abroad. The CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is of one heart with the people throughout the country. Its wise decisions on the establishment of a memorial hall for the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and on the publication of the Selected Works of the Mao Tsetung and preparations for the publication of the Collected Works of Mao Tsetung have won the heartfelt support of the hundreds of millions of people. The hearts of the people and of the Party, like sunflowers facing the sun, are turned to Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the leader of our Party, and to the CCP Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

The 800 million people are overcome with joy over the toppling of the anti-Party "gang of four." The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, faithfully carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests and common aspirations of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, took resolute measures to shatter by one blow the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. The 800 million people are in high spirits and the whole country is a scene of jubilation. The anti-Party "gang of four" are careerists and conspirators of the Khrushchev and Lin Piao type hiding in the Party, counter-revolutionary double-dealers hoisting a red flag to oppose the red flag, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They formed a cabal, betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, practiced revisionism and splittism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, and usurped Party and state power. Their crimes are immeasurable. Should they succeed in their conspiracies, our Party would certainly turn revisionist, our state would change color, the revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao would be destroyed, the fruits of victory won by the revolutionary martyrs through bloodshed would go down the drain, the working people would once again be plunged into misery, and the lives of millions of revolutionaries would be forfeited. At the critical moment of the struggle between the two classes, two roads and two lines, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng rapidly smashed the counter-revolutionary restorationist conspiracy of the "gang of four" and saved our Party, state and the revolution.

This is a great implementation of Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. It has truly satisfied the people and won their full support. Standing on the coast of the South China sea, we look up toward the city of Peking and heartily hail this great victory!

Our Party was founded and nurtured by the great leader Chairman Mao himself. It is a great, glorious and correct party. The great victory in smashing the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique once again proves that the Chinese Communist Party armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought is invincible and has great prospects. All reactionaries who attempt to topple our Party are doomed to failure. The radiance of Mao Tsetung Thought will forever illuminate our way of advance; the five-star red flag hoisted by Chairman Mao himself will flutter forever generation after generation; the lofty ideal of communism will be victoriously realized!

We are resolved to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey its commands in all our actions, resolutely struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, and thoroughly expose and angrily condemn the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four"!

We will respond to the great call of the Party Central Committee, quickly whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, uphold the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts" put forward by Chairman Mao, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the victorious achievements of the great cultural revolution.

We will do still better in implementing Chairman Mao's Marxist-Leninist line in army building, strengthen army building and militia building, strengthen army-government unity and army-people unity, grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, heighten vigilance a hundredfold to guard against the sabotage and disturbances of the class enemies, and be ready at all times to wipe out all enemies who dare to intrude. We pledge death to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the great socialist motherland!

The CCP Committee and all commanders and fighters
of the PLA Kwangchow Units

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from the PLA Wuhan Units

Chairman Hua, the CCP Central Committee, and the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee:

The 800 million people throughout our country are elated. In these days of great joy and celebration, we, all commanders and fighters of the PLA Wuhan Units, filled with joy and pride, have held ceremonious rallies and demonstrations and joined the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country in most warmly celebrating Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and in most warmly celebrating the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power.

Acting in accordance with the arrangements made by our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the CCP Central Committee has decided to appoint Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as its Chairman and Chairman of its military Commission. The arrangements made by Chairman Mao and the decision made by the Party Central Committee are very wise and correct, fully demonstrating the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country, and fully demonstrating that the cause of our Party has had a worthy successor and our Party is thriving. We fully trust and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng.

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are a bunch of bourgeois conspirators and careerists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They formed a "gang of four" and carried out conspiracies to oppose the Party and usurp its power. The crimes they committed were extremely serious. They betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, wantonly tampered with Chairman Mao's directives and practiced revisionism. They ganged up for selfish purposes and carried out sectarian activities to split the Party. They formed secret ties and poked their nose into everything everywhere to stir up trouble and engage in intrigues and conspiracies. They took advantage of the public opinion media under their control to create counter-revolutionary public opinion. They worshipped things foreign, fawned on foreigners and maintained illicit foreign relations, engaging in flagrant activities of capitulationism and national betrayal. They sabotaged Chairman Mao's strategic plan, established their own system inside the Party, went their own way, did as they wished, lorded it over other people and placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee. Particularly while Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he passed away, they thought their opportunity had come; they attacked the Party in a still more unscrupulous and unbridled way and hastily attempted to usurp top Party and state leadership, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. We have long discerned and hated their numerous crimes. The Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng carried out Chairman Mao's behests and took resolute measures to shatter this counter-revolutionary conspiratorial

clique at one stroke, thereby rapidly realizing Chairman Mao's wise decision and eliminating a bane to the Party. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval. This is fine indeed and extremely marvelous! This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought.

Our army is the people's armed forces founded by Chairman Mao himself. It is a strong pillar for the dictatorship of the proletariat. In the current great struggle to prevent our Party from turning revisionist and our country from changing its political color, we resolutely pledge to respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, adhere to the basic principle of "three dos and three don'ts," uphold the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, seriously implement the directives of the Party Central Committee, obey the directives of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, resolutely struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, and thoroughly expose and angrily denounce their towering crimes. We will hold aloft the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao, adhere to the Party's basic line, persist in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, take class struggle as the key link, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will consolidate and develop the victories of the great proletarian cultural revolution, enthusiastically support new socialist things, grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war and strive to do all our work well. We will take concrete action to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line forever, to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, to defend our socialist motherland and to carry through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution initiated by Chairman Mao.

Resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng!

Down with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The CCP Committee of the PLA Wuhan Units

October 24, 1976

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Message of Salute from the PLA Lanchow Units

Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee, and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

The leading organ of the PLA Lanchow Units and the PLA units stationed in Lanchow held a grand, 10,000-man rally on October 21 to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. Brimming with the joy of victory, all comrades resolutely support Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and firmly support the resolute measures taken by the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. This is a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought and a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. The decisions made by the Party Central Committee and its resolute measures against the "gang of four" are of great importance to the future and destiny of our Party and state and of great importance for us in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and carrying through to the end the cause of proletarian revolution initiated by Chairman Mao. They are very wise, very correct and very timely. They wholly reflect our wishes and the common aspiration of the hundreds of millions of people. We whole-heartedly support and agree to them.

Filled with great proletarian indignation, we condemn the towering crimes of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique. For a long time they placed themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee, established their own system inside the Party, lorded it over other people, did all kinds of evil things, practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, unscrupulously tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions. Chairman Mao severely criticized and patiently educated them again and again, but they would not repent. During the period when Chairman Mao was seriously ill, they frenziedly persecuted the great leader Chairman Mao. After Chairman Mao passed away, the people of the whole country were deeply grieved and shed tears, but the "gang of four" hurriedly tampered with Chairman Mao's directives in a planned and premeditated way and hastily came forward to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They frenziedly attempted to alter the Party's basic line, topple the Party, make a mess of the whole country, undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. They have long been bitterly hated by the people of the whole country. They are a small handful of most wicked and reactionary conspirators and careerists of the bourgeoisie, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, downright capitulationists and agents of imperialism, revisionism and reaction in our Party. Our struggle against them is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng smashed their scheme, ridding the Party of a serious danger, and defending Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the great socialist motherland under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The people rejoice over the elimination of the "four pests". "With power and to spare we must pursue the tottering foe and not ape Hsiang Yu the conqueror seeking idle fame." We are resolved to develop the thoroughgoing revolutionary spirit in "relentlessly beating the dogs in the water." Under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, we will resolutely strike at the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique and thoroughly liquidate their counter-revolutionary crimes. We will not stop until complete victory is won!

We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, keep to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," launch an upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and to repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will sing aloud "The Internationale," "The Three Main Rules of Discipline and Eight Points for Attention" and "The East Is Red." We will "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," and "Dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere, and never seek hegemony." We will consolidate and develop the great achievements of the great proletarian cultural revolution, strengthen army building, heighten our vigilance, strictly guard against and hit at the sabotage activities of the bourgeoisie within the Party and the class enemies, strengthen preparations against war and be ready at all times to destroy all enemies who dare to intrude.

We are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, advance along Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line to win still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction with full confidence, and strive to make greater contributions to mankind.

Down with the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The rally held by the leading organ of the PLA Lanchow Units and the commanders and fighters of the PLA units stationed in Lanchow to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee and to warmly celebrate the great victory in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 21, 1976

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Ningsia, Sinkiang and Tibet Autonomous Regions, Tsinghai, Szechwan, Yunnan and Kweichow Provinces and Patriotic Compatriots from Taiwan Province Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee, and the PLA Sinkiang, Chengtu and Kunming Units Send Messages of Salute to Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and Its Military Commission

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Message of Salute from Ningsia Hui Autonomous Region

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today we 100,000 armymen and civilians in Yinchuan area are filled with immense joy and hold a solemn meeting to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and warmly hail the great victory in smashing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

The resolution adopted by the CCP Central Committee to appoint Comrade Hua Kuo-feng Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission in accordance with the arrangements Chairman Mao made before he died is very wise and correct. It fully represents the common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, and is a great happy event for the millions of armymen and civilians all over the country. We, the broad masses of armymen and civilians in Ningsia, warmly hail the resolution and firmly support it. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was trained and selected by Chairman Mao himself as the most ideal successor. Always loyal to the Party, the people, the great leader Chairman Mao and Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, he has won trust and wholehearted support of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission means that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has a worthy successor, guarantees that the leadership of our Party and state is secured in the hands of Marxists, and prevents the bourgeois careerists and conspirators of the Khrushchev type from usurping the Party and state leadership. This is a tremendous encouragement to the hundreds of millions of armymen and civilians, a telling blow to the class enemies inside and outside the country and the Party, and insures that our Party will never become revisionist and our country will never change its political color but will advance along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the command of the Party Central Committee in all our actions and do everything according to its instructions, firmly uphold the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, and resolutely struggle against all statements and actions that undermine the Party's unity and unification.

Forming themselves into a "gang of four," careerists and conspirators Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan had long disregarded the stern criticisms and painstaking education offered them on

warm occasions by Chairman Mao, wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, and practiced revisionism and splittism and engaged in intriques and conspiracies under the signboard of Marxism-Leninism. They stopped at nothing in perpetrating crimes, which are innumerable. The broad masses of armymen and civilians saw and hated what they did after Chairman Mao passed away, the "gang of four" went further in their conspiracies and hastily attempted to overthrow the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, usurp supreme leadership of the Party and the state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. They are a counter-revolutionary conspiratorial clique hiding in our Party, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still travelling on the capitalist road, and a bunch of pests engaging in activities harmful to the country and the people. Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted resolute measures and smashed at one blow the plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power, thus ridding the Party of a bane. This fully represents the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, and represents a rapid implementation of the wise decision made by the great leader Chairman Mao before he died. This action proves the strong resolve of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to carry out Chairman Mao's behests and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause. It is very wise, most timely and completely correct. It is much to the satisfaction of the people. It is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is of tremendous immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for our Party in the future in adhering to the Party's basic line, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. We the people of all nationalities and the PLA commanders and fighters in Ningsia firmly support it. We will firmly respond to the call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. In the course of this great struggle which involves the major question of whether or not our Party will become revisionist and our state will change its political color, we will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, adopt a firm and clearcut stand in resolutely struggling against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thoroughly expose and penetratingly criticize their counter-revolutionary crimes, and pledge to carry this struggle through to the end. We will take concrete actions to defend Mao Tsetung Thought and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and safeguard the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. In the course of struggle, we will strive to heighten our awareness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines, raise our abilities to distinguish between sham and genuine Marxism, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

We will firmly respond to the great call of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold still higher the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought,

uphold the fundamental principles: "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship ofthe proletariat, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will enthusiastically support new socialist things, and further consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will go all out to "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," and strive to carry out our work well in all fields. We will further develop the socialist undertakings and the favorable situation in the autonomous region, promote stability and unity, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, and win still greater victories in socialist revolution and socialist construction. Our region is located in China's northwestern borders and on the anti-revisionist forefront. We will heighten our revolutionary vigilance one hundred fold, closely watch the new trends of class struggle, firmly hit at the sabotage activities of all class enemies, and strive to do a good job in strengthening preparedness against war. We will turn Ningsia into an anti-revisionist stronghold, be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy who dares to intrude, and defend the borders of our great motherland and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission!

Rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The rally of Ningsia Hui Autonomous Region and Yinchuan municipality to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to warmly celebrate the great victory of smashing the scheme of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from Sinkiang Uighur Autonmous Region

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

When the armymen and civilians of all nationalities throughout the country were honoring the memory of the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and carrying out his behests and were determined to carry to the end the cause

of the proletarian revolution, news of the wise resolution adopted by the Party Central Committee on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee, and the happy news of the victory won by the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in smashing the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan were brought to Sinkiang. The armymen and civilians of all nationalities of Sinkiang leaped with joy and rushed to tell one another of this news. The joy of victory pervaded everywhere on the north and south of the T'ienshan Mountain. Today, full of pride and enthusiasm and high in moral, we, more than 300,000 armymen and civilians of Urumchi in Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region, hold a rally to warmly hail and firmly support the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, to warmly hail the great victory in smashing the sinister conspiracy of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, and to angrily denounce the towering counter-revolutionary crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four."

The adoption of the resolution by the Party Central Committee on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as its Chairman and Chairman of its Military Commission has realized the wise decision made by the great leader Chairman Mao before he died. It insures that the leadership of the Party and the state is secured in the hands of the proletarian revolutionaries. It is a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and a telling blow to the bourgeoisie inside and outside the Party and to imperialism, revisionism and reaction. It will tremendously inspire and motivate the Chinese people and the people of the world to carry out the revolutionary cause. Chairman Mao had confidence in and we have trust in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. We firmly support the arrangement made by Chairman Mao before he died. We armymen and civilians of all nationalities pledge to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, to firmly defend the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng, to obey the command of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, and to resolutely struggle against all statements and actions harmful to the Party's unity and unification.

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party, unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road and conspirators and careerists hiding in the Party. They betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's instructions, practiced revisionism and splittism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies and frenziedly attempted to usurp Party and state power, to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and to restore capitalism. Their crimes defy counting. Should their conspiracy come true, our Party would turn revisionist, our state would change its political color and our people will be plunged again into the abyss of sufferings. Without removing the "four pests," the country would never be tranquil. Carrying out Chairman Mao's behest and representing the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng smashed in good time the sinister conspiracy of the "gang of four," thereby ridding the "four

pests" for us and eliminating a hidden danger. This has been a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, a great victory for Mao Tsetung Thought and a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line.

Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. We will follow the strategic plans of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and, under the Party's centralized leadership, hoist a clearcut flag, take a firm stand and struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique through to the end. In the course of struggle, we will consolidate and develop the victorious gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution, consolidate and develop the new socialist things, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and go further to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat.

We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works and uphold the basic principle "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will take class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold proletarian internationalism, and carry to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao. We will "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," make strenuous efforts to do well our work in all fields, further develop the excellent situation in Sinkiang, and strive to make greater contributions to mankind.

We will firmly bear in mind that the main danger in Sinkiang comes from the Soviet modern revisionism. We will heighten our vigilance a hundredfold, further strengthen the struggle against the enemy, strengthen preparedness of war against revisionism, strengthen the joint army-people defense, be ready at all times to smash the subversion, sabotage and surprise attacks by Soviet revisionist social-imperialism, firmly hit at the sabotage activities of the handful of class enemies, and build the northwestern borders of the motherland into an impregnable anti-revisionist stronghold, so that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng may be at ease!

Rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

Firmly topple the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The celebration rally of the armymen and civilians of all nationalities in Urumchi, Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from Tsinghai Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, full of the joy of victory and the militant pride and emotion, we, the cadres of the Party, government and army organizations at the provincial and municipal levels and 150,000 people of various nationalities of Sining prefecture, hold a ceremoniously meeting to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to warmly hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

When the people of all nationalities in our province hail the decision adopted by the CCP Central Committee, the NPC Standing Committee, the State Council and the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee on the building of the memorial hall for the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the decision adopted by the CCP Central Committee on the publication of Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung and the preparation for the publication of Collected Works of Mao Tse-tung, the extraordinarily happy news of the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power is brought to Tsinghai. The people of all nationalities throughout the province leap with joy and are in a festive mood. Everywhere from the eastern agricultural areas to the vast grasslands, from the foothills of the Ch'ilien Mountains to the peak of the Kunlun Mountain, beating of drums and cymbals thunder, firecrackers are set off, and people are immersed in the atmosphere of a festival of the proletariat.

The appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission in accordance with the arrangements made by Chairman Mao before he died fully reflects the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. We the people of all nationalities in Tsinghua have full trust in it and firmly support it.

The Party Central Committee adopted resolute measures to smash the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby quickly realizing the wise policy drawn by Chairman Mao before he passed away. This is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

This has been an action taken at the crucial moment to save our Party and our state and to get rid of a hidden danger and a bane. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval.

The resolution adopted by the Party Central Committee on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as its Chairman and as Chairman of its Military Commission, and the resolute measures it took toward the "gang of four" anti-Party clique have been very timely, very correct, and very wise and represent the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. This is a great triumph of Marxism over revisionism and the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, and a great victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution. It is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance to us in carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, keeping to the Party's basic line, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. The struggle to smash the "gang of four" fully shows that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is loyal to Chairman Mao, Mao Tsetung Thought and Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, is of one heart with the people throughout the country, is capable of standing tests of the storms of class struggle and two-line struggle, and is strong and powerful. Our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and a great, glorious and correct party. It has worthy successors and is thriving. It has a bright future. We have an immensely bright future. We have firm confidence in a sure victory in the future.

The "gang of four" of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, wantonly tampered with Chairman Mao's instructions, practiced revisionism and splittism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies and frenziedly attempted to usurp Party and state power. Their crimes defy enumeration. In immense indignation of the proletariat, we angrily denounce their towering counter-revolutionary crimes. They are a bunch of careerists and conspirators hidding in our Party, "worms" which sneaked into the revolutionary ranks, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. If they were not toppled, our Party would turn revisionist, our state would change its political color and our people will suffer disasters. They represented the interests of imperialism, revisionism and reaction and the restorationist wishes of the bourgeoisie inside and outside the Party and the handful of landlords, rich peasants, counter-revolutionaries, bad elements and Rightists who had not been successfully remolded. Waving a red flag to oppose the red flag, they were busy engaging in conspiracies and did all evil things. They thought their plan would come true. But, they had totally forfeited popular sympathy, were extremely isolated and feeble, collapsed at the first blow, were thrown by the people into the dustbin of history, and brought shame and ruin on themselves.

We are determined to display the thoroughgoing revolutionary spirit of the proletariat under the supreme command of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, pursue the tottering foe, relentlessly beat the dog in the water and wage a resolute struggle against the "gang of four"

anti-Party clique. We will all join in the fight to denounce them orally and in writing, and wholly uncover, criticize and discredit them politically, ideologically and organizationally. In the course of struggle, we will make strenuous efforts to study the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, raise our level of the Marxist theory, heighten our ability to distinguish between real and sham Marxism, and increase our consciousness of carrying out Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. Firmly remembering Chairman Mao's consistent teaching "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." We will rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the Party Central Committee in all our actions, increase our sense of organization and discipline and resolutely struggle against all statements and deeds against the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts." We will strictly carry out the Party's directives and policies, correctly distinguish between and handle the two types of qualitatively different contradictions, help more people by educating them and narrow the target of attack, and unite with all people who can be united with. In the course of struggle, we will consolidate and develop the victorious achievements of the great proletarian cultural revolution and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will heighten revolutionary vigilance, strictly guard against the sabotage and disturbance of the class enemies at home and abroad, and consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will firmly implement the great policy "Grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," penetratingly carry out the mass movements of learning from Tach'ing in industry and learning from Tachai in agriculture, rely on our own efforts, fight amid hardships, go all out, aim high, strive to fulfill and overfulfill the national economic plan, push forward the current excellent situation and continue to win still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction. We will loudly sing "Internationale," "Three Main Rules of Discipline and Eight Points for Attention" and "The East Is Red," aim at the long-range target of communism, fight in unity and march forward vigorously.

We are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and vow to carry to the end the cause of proletarian revolution pioneered by Chairman Mao.

Unite to win still greater victories!

The rally of the Party, government and army organizations of the provincial and municipal levels and the people in Sining prefecture, Tsinghai province, to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and to warmly hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from Szechwan Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

At an important historic moment when the whole Party, the whole army and the people throughout the country are determined to carry out Chairman Mao's behests and victoriously advance along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, this happy, inspiring news is brought to us: In accordance with the arrangements Chairman Mao made before he died, the CCP Central Committee adopted a resolution on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. This resolution fully represents the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It eloquently proves that the cause of our Party is thriving and has worthy successors. Our Party once again has a leader of its own in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and has a reliable helmsman. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng took wise and decisive measures to shatter at one blow the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power and eliminated a big bane in the Party, thus saving the Party and saving the revolution at a crucial moment in the Chinese revolution. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has met their full approval. The wise decision made by our great leader Chairman Mao before he died has been realized quickly and satisfactorily. This is another great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution! This is a great victory for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and for Mao Tsetung Thought!

We, 800,000 armymen and civilians are here in Chengtu today to hold a rally to warmly hail Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment, to warmly celebrate the great victory won in smashing the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, and to indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the "gang of four." The 80 million people of Szechwan province and the commanders and fighters of the PLA Chengtu units pledge to resolutely support and rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey the commands of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, firmly implement Chairman Mao's revolutionary line, and carry the cause of proletarian revolution through to the end.

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are a bunch of bourgeois conspirators and careerists, typical bourgeois representatives in the Party and unrepentant capitalist roaders still travelling on the capitalist road. They are the most reactionary, most ferocious and most dangerous enemies. They played counter-revolutionary double-dealing tactics, wildly opposed Chairman Mao, wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's line in a series of domestic and international questions, opposed the basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," and were busy practicing revisionism. They formed a "gang of four," carried out sectarian activities in an attempt to split the Party and usurp Party and state power. They acted in their own way at the backs of Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee and violated Chairman Mao's strategic plans. Engaging in intrigues and conspiracies, they secretly

set up liaison points to prepare evil "materials" about the responsible comrades of the Central authorities, poked their noses into everything everywhere, caused troubles and fabricated false accusations, in a frenzied attempt to overthrow a large group of the responsible comrades of the Party, Government and army at the Central and local levels. They worshiped things foreign, fawned on foreigners and maintained illicit foreign relations, engaging in flagrant activities of capitulationism and national betrayal. While Chairman Mao was seriously ill and after he died, they thought the time was ripe for them, wantonly stepped up their clandestine contacts and conspiracies, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, fanned up counter-revolutionary public opinion to frenziedly attack the Party and hastily sought to overthrow the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, in an attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. The crimes committed by the "gang of four" in doing harm to the state and people are countless. This gang has totally forfeited popular sympathy and is extremely isolated. In the face of the broad masses who are armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, they cannot possibly carry out their counter-revolutionary schemes, they can only meet an ignominious end.

Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. It is a great example of bringing into practice Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and a major issue concerning whether our Party will turn revisionist and our state will change its political color and whether the cause of proletarian revolution can be carried through to the end in accordance with Chairman Mao's behests. The victory won in shattering the anti-Party "gang of four" is a telling blow to the class enemies both at home and abroad. It has great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in upholding our Party's basic line and policies for the entire historical period of socialism, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat in our country, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism, upholding the principles of proletarian internationalism, and firmly implementing Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies in foreign affairs.

We, 80 million armymen and civilians of Szechwan, are determined to act in accordance with Chairman Mao's instructions, to display the revolutionary spirit of bitterly beating the dog in the water and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee, to thoroughly expose and criticize the counter-revolutionary crimes of the anti-Party "gang of four" and to struggle against this gang through to the end.

We resolutely respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, read and study seriously and start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx, Lenin and Chairman Mao and especially Chairman Mao's theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts." We should learn and apply in the course of struggle, further raise our consciousness of class struggle and the two-line struggle, and heighten our abilities to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism and to struggle against the capitalist roaders in the Party who practice revisionism and splittism and engage in intrigues and conspiracies.

We are determined to act in accordance with the directives of the Party Central Committee and carry on the current great struggle under the centralized leadership of Party committees at various levels. In this struggle, we resolutely implement Chairman Mao's principles and policies, strictly distinguish between and correctly handle the two types of qualitatively different contradictions, "help more people by educating them and narrow the target of attack," persist in the principle of "learning from past mistakes to avoid future ones and curing the sickness to save the patient," unite with more than 95 percent of the masses and cadres and always direct the spearhead of the struggle at the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique.

Through this great struggle, we will further consolidate and develop the fruits of victory of the great proletarian cultural revolution, protect the fresh forces that are in conformity with the five requirements laid down by Chairman Mao for selecting successors, protect socialist new things, and continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will pay attention to adopting a correct attitude toward the great proletarian cultural revolution, toward the masses and toward ourselves. We will persevere in the struggle, fight on forever, and continue the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat through to the end.

We will act in accordance with Chairman Mao's teachings, take class struggle as the key link, "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war," "dig tunnels deep, store grain everywhere and never seek hegemony," and strive to build Szechwan province into a reliable strategic rear area of our great motherland as soon as possible and to materialize our great leader Chairman Mao's brilliant prediction "Szechwan has a bright future."

We will persist in Chairman Mao's thinking and line on army building, strengthen army building and militia building, conscientiously implement the "three main rules of discipline and eight points for attention," heighten our vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war, and be prepared at all times to wipe out all enemies who dare to intrude. We will resolutely deal blows at the class enemies' counter-revolutionary sabotage, give full play to the role of the army as the pillar of the dictatorship of the proletariat, make new contributions toward defending Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, our great socialist motherland, and the dictatorship of the proletariat. We are determined to liberate Taiwan!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee: Tempered in the acute struggle between the two classes, the two roads and the two lines, we, 80 million armymen and civilians of Szechwan province who are armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, have continuously heightened our consciousness in class struggle and the two-line struggle and have strengthened our revolutionary will all the more. Under the guidance of Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and the wise leadership of the long-tested Party Central Committee, we will firmly advance and fight shoulder to shoulder with the people of all nationalities throughout the country, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and further develop

the excellent current situation. We will seize still greater victories in the struggle to smash the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique! We will seize still greater victories in the socialist revolution and construction!

The rally of the PLA units in Szechwan province and the PLA Chengtu Units to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to warmly hail the great victory in smashing the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Yunnan Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

The East wind carries happy tidings across the land, the people of all nationalities are jubilant. Today, a grand festive mood prevails all over the Yunnan Plateau of the great socialist motherland, from the Wumeng mountain region to the banks of the Juili River and from the snow-capped Yulung Mountains to the Red River valley. We the 500,000 armymen and people of Yunnan province, Kunming municipality and the PLA Kunming Units are filled with joy and excitement and hold a celebration rally of unprecedented scale here. The more than 10 million people of all nationalities and PLA commanders and fighters throughout the province listened to the live broadcast on the rally and hold parades warmly celebrating Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. They warmly hail the great victory scored by the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng--which carries out Chairman Mao's behests and represents the fundamental interests and common wishes of the people of all nationalities throughout the country--in shattering with one blow the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

In accordance with the arrangements made by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao before his death, the Political Bureau of the CCP Central Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. This is a wise decision of Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee and a great joyous event of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is the successor selected by the great leader Chairman Mao himself. He is loyal to the Party and the people. He firmly defends Mao Tsetung Thought and resolutely implements Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line. Having Chairman Hua Kuo-feng as our leader and as a reliable helmsman is ample proof that the cause of our Party has worthy successors and is thriving. We have unlimited confidence in and profound affection for the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and resolutely support it. Full of pride and confidence, we are determined to advance triumphantly under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and along the revolutionary course charted by Chairman Mao!

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted decisive measures at the crucial hours of the Chinese revolution in shattering the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. This is a great soul-stirring victory! Over the years, this bunch of conspirators and careerists Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions, opposed Chairman Mao's basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts" and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They formed a "gang of four," poked their nose everywhere, made trouble, fabricated rumors, sowed discord, carried out factional activities and engaged in unbridled intrigues and conspiracies to split the Party. They refused to accept Chairman Mao's repeated admonitions and warnings, acted in their own way and did as they wished. Particularly intolerable was that when Chairman Mao was gravely ill and after his death, they thought that the opportunity had arrived, so they stepped up their frenzied attacks on the Party and hurriedly attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. The people of the whole country had long discerned their anti-Party crimes and hated them. Their crimes are inexpiable and they have lost popular sympathy and are extremely isolated. Facts have shown that they are the "worms" that had sneaked into the revolutionary camp, the typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and the unrepentant capitalist-roaders taking the capitalist road. Our struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism and between Marxism and revisionism. The shattering of the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique is a great realization of Chairman Mao's great theory on continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and a victory for Mao Tsetung Thought. It is a telling blow to the class enemies at home and to imperialism, revisionism and reaction. For us, it has an immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance in upholding the Party's basic line, in combating and preventing revisionism and in persisting in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. It is another ample proof that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded by Chairman Mao and armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, a party that is politically mature and a great, glorious and correct party, and that our Party Central Committee is worthy of its reputation as the proletarian headquarters which was nurtured by Chairman Mao and has longed been tempered and tested. The shattering of the counter-revolutionary restoration by the "gang of four" has accomplished the purpose which the great leader Chairman Mao did not have time to accomplish. It eradicated a malignant tumor for our Party, eliminated a hidden calamity, and saved the Party and the revolution. This truly is much to the satisfaction of the people, has their full approval and gives them tremendous encouragement. We give it all-out support and hail it a thousand times! With great proletarian indignation we condemn the towering crimes of the "gang of four" and will fight them resolutely to the finish!

Chairman Mao had admonished us time and again before his death: "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire." These three basic principles have scientifically summed up the experience in the struggles between the two lines inside our Party in the past, reflect the law of the struggles between the two lines inside the Party, and are the criteria for us to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism and differentiate the capitalist roaders

inside the Party. The anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan represents the bourgeoisie inside and outside the Party and the interests of all class enemies at home and abroad; they hold no truth in their hands nor are the masses by their side; they ran counter to the will of the people, the Party and the army, opposed the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts"; in the end they thoroughly exposed their reactionary features, courted undying hatred of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and brought ruin and shame on themselves. We will maintain a firm and clearcut stand, adhere to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," thoroughly expose the towering crimes of the "gang of four," and penetratingly criticize their counter-revolutionary line so as to wipe out its poisonous influence. We will transform our boundless hatred against the "gang of four" into practical action to study the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works seriously, whip up a new upsurge in studying Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, study in the course of struggle and apply what is learned in the course of struggle. We will raise our consciousness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines, enhance the ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism, heighten our consciousness of implementing consistently and defending courageously Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and prove ourselves staunch fighters in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua and Party Central Committee: Although we are in the southwestern frontier region, yet the hearts of us 28 million people of all nationalities in Yunnan and all commanders and fighters of the PLA Kunming Units are in the capital city of Peking and are with the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. In this current great struggle which concerns the destiny of the Party and the state, we, the people of all nationalities and PLA commanders and fighters in Yunnan province, are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, safeguard the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, and obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions. We will act in response to the call of the Party Central Committee at any time and under any circumstance; we will fight in any place in response to the command of the Party Central Committee. We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests faithfully, follow closely the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, raise still higher the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold proletarian internationalism and wage a resolute struggle against the "gang of four" anti-Party clique. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war, and consolidate and develop the great gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will build Yunnan's frontier regions into an iron and steel Great Wall for combating and preventing revisionism, further consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat, win still greater victories in socialist revolution and socialist construction and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

The CCP Yunnan Provincial Committee and the
Yunnan Provincial Revolutionary Committee

October 23. 1976

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Message of Salute from Kweichow Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Today, we more than 300,000 armymen and people in Kueiyang prefecture are jubilantly holding a solemn rally in warm celebration of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power!

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission was a quick realization of the arrangement made by Chairman Mao before he died. This great event reflects the common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. It shows that our Party has a worthy successor and is thriving. Imbued with profound proletarian feelings and great jubilation, we place full confidence in and resolutely support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We hail to our heart's content: Long live the victory for Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line!

Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan formed a "gang of four" and engaged in conspiracies to oppose the Party and usurp Party and state power. They refused to obey the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives, practiced revisionism and splittism, and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies in a vain attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and state, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities, shattered at one blow their scheme to usurp Party and state power. The elimination of the "four pests" gives all people great joy. It is much to the satisfaction of the people and wins their full support.

"A thunderstorm burst over the earth, so a devil rose from a heap of white bones." Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan are conspirators and careerists who sneaked into the Party, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They practiced revisionism and splittism, engaged in intrigues and conspiracies, and attacked the Party frantically. Their counter-revolutionary arrogance was unbridled. However, the truth was not on their side. They completely forfeited the confidence of the people and became extremely isolated and feeble. They vainly attempted to split our Party. This was only their pipe dream.

"The golden monkey wrathfully swung his massive cudgel and the jade-like firmament was cleared of dust." Although the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique was in power for a while, the more unbridled their arrogance was, the more miserably they failed. Once they were toppled, they were disintegrated immediately. The great victory in shattering the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power once again proves that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature

Marxist-Leninist party, and as a great, glorious and correct party. Historical experience proves that it is not easy to crush our Party. The people, the Party and the entire party membership are of one mind in opposing a split. "This Party of ours has a great future." Anyone who betrays Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and tampers with Chairman Mao's directives and who upholds revisionism and splittism and engages in intrigues and conspiracies is bound to fail.

Our Party's struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a life-and-death struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie, between socialism and capitalism, and between Marxism and revisionism. The struggle under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng to shatter the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is a great example of putting into practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution, and a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. This is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in upholding the basic line and policies formulated for our Party by Chairman Mao for the entire historical period of socialism, in combating and preventing revisionism, in consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, in preventing capitalist restoration, and in building socialism.

We will resolutely respond to the call of the Party Central Committee. In the course of the current great struggle which determines whether or not our Party will become revisionist and our state will change its political color, we must rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, uphold Chairman Mao's basic principles "Practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," strengthen our sense of organization and discipline, obey the command of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, resolutely struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, heighten our awareness of class struggle and the struggle between the two lines, and enhance our capability in distinguishing sham from genuine Marxism. We must forever defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionay line and fight bravely to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat and to safeguard the socialist motherland!

We will conscientiously study and firmly implement the directives issued by the Party Central Committee. Under the centralized leadership of the Party committees, we will conscientiously implement Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and policies, unite with all those who can be united with, and thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the gains of the great rpoletarian cultural revolution. We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, uphold the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works. We will heighten our revolutionary vigilance and strictly guard against the sabotage activities of the class enemies. We will "grasp revolution and promote production and other work and preparedness against war." We will display great revolutionary spirit, whip up our revolutionary enthusiasm, push the socialist revolution forward, do a still better job in industrial and agricultural production and in all other fields, and further develop the favorable situation in Kweichow. Filled with revolutionary pride and emotion, we warmly celebrate the great victories we have won, and advance more confidently to win new and even greater victories.

Rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

Down with the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist Party of China!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

The rally of Kweichow province and Kweiyang municipality to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and to warmly hail the great victory in smashing the scheme of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from Tibet Autonomous Region

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

Cheers rumble like thunders throughout the vast plateau; emancipated serfs are all jubilant. Filled with revolutionary pride and emotion, we the Party members and the million emancipated serfs of Tibet Autonomous Region and the PLA commanders and fighters stationed in Tibet hold this solemn celebration meeting to hail most warmly Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission, and to acclaim most enthusiastically the great victory scored under the leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in smashing the plot of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. Playing six-string fiddles, we dance and sing with uncontrolled joy in our hearts. Over and over again we raise our arms and hail at the top of our voice: Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party! Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

On many occasions during his lifetime our great leader Chairman Mao, with his far-sight and sharp insight, rebuked Wang Hung-wen- Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan over their forming a "gang of four" and running counter to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts." But they totally ignored what Chairman Mao had said, wantonly tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions, and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. After our great leader Chairman Mao passed away, they thought the time had come, and hastily launched attacks on the Party more frantically. They wantonly practiced revisionism and splittism and engage in intrigues and conspiracies in an attempt to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They openly betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and vainly attempted to subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat and restore capitalism. The people of all nationalities in our region, as the hundreds of millions of armymen and civilians in all other parts of the country did, had long seen and hated these actions. They are a bunch of conspirators and careerists, out-and-out counter-revolutionary double-dealers, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still travelling on the capitalist road, "worms" that have sneaked into the revolutionary ranks, ignominious renegades of the proletariat, and the most ferocious enemies of the people of all nationalities. They have indeed perpetrated heinous crimes for which they have lost all sympathy among the people.

The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, adopted resolute measures against the "gang of four," thus ridding the Party of a bane and saving the Party and the state at the crucial moment. This is of tremendous immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in adhering to the Party's basic line and policies, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration and building socialism. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full support. This is fine and marvelous! The million emancipated serfs and the PLA commanders and fighters stationed in Tibet, from the grassland in northern Tibet to the foot of the Himalayas and from the banks of the Shihchuan River to the banks of the Chinshachiang River, fully support the wise decision of the Party Central Committee, and warmly hail: The crushing of the "gang of four" is a great example of putting to practice Chairman Mao's great theory of continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution, for Mao Tsetung Thought and for Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. It is the most cheerful news for the people of all nationalities in our country.

The force at the core leading our cause forward is the Chinese Communist Party. We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, firmly uphold the unity and unification of the Party, strengthen the sense of organization and discipline, and obey the command of the Party Central Committee in all our actions. In firm response to the call of the Party Central Committee, we will quickly whip up a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, study and apply them in the course of struggle, strive to raise our

level of the Marxist theory, heighten our ability to distinguish between genuine and sham Marxism, raise our consciousness of implementing Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies, adhere to the three basic principles "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," resolutely struggle against the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan, and fully mobilize the masses to expose, repudiate and denounce the towering crimes of the "gang of four." Following Chairman Mao's teaching, we will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, combat and prevent revisionism, continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, enthusiastically support the new socialist things, and consolidate and develop the victories of the great proletarian cultural revolution. We will resolutely implement the principle "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," deepen the mass movements of "In industry, learn from Tach'ing" and "In agricuture, learn from Tachai," show concern for the well-being of the masses, restrict bourgeois rights, display still greater revolutionary ardor to do all our work still better, make sure that this year's national economic plan is fulfilled or overfulfilled, and wrest still greater victories in socialist revolution and construction. We will heighten our revolutionary vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war, strengthen the unity among all nationalities, between the army and the people and between the army and the government, hit at the sabotage activities by the handful of class enemies, strengthen the dictatorship of the proletariat, consolidate border defense, defend the motherland, be ready at all times to wipe out any enemy that dares to intrude, and build the southwestern border region of the motherland into an impregnable bastion of iron. We pledge death to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line and the dictatorship of the proletariat, hold high the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao!

The rally of Tibet Autonomous Region to warmly celebrate the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and enthusiastically hail the great victory in smashing the plot of the anti-Party "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power

Lhasa, October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute from PLA Sinkiang Units

Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

The tar-flung boarder defense line, from the Altai Mountains to the Karakoram range, has been a scene of jubilance since the good news of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assuming the posts of Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission and the news of the victory of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in shattering at one blow the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan spread to the PLA Sinkiang units stationed at the anti-revisionist outposts in the northwest of the motherland. Over the past few days, the beating of gongs and drums and the singing of songs thundered in every organization and company. Unprecedented grand celebrations in a variety of forms have been held. Elated and filled with pride and emotions, all commanders and fighters, staff members and workers and their dependents hailed time and again: Our Party once again has a leader of its own in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. They warmly celebrated the great victory of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng for shattering at a critical moment in the Chinese revolution the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power. All comrades are immersed in boundless joy and happiness.

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was selected by the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao himself to be his successor. Before his death, Chairman Mao wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting "with you in charge, I'm at ease," expressing his boundless confidence in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. In accordance with the arrangements made by Chairman Mao before his death, the CCP Central Committee adopted the resolution on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission. This resolution has fully expressed the aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng has taken resolute measures to speedily smash the scheme of the "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power. The practice of struggle has fully proved that the revolutionary cause of the proletariat pioneered by Chairman Mao has worthy successors, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is the reliable helmsman of our Party and country, and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is the stanch core of leadership which insures that our Party and country will continue to advance victoriously along Chairman Mao's revolutionary line. All of us commanders and fighters keeping guard in our motherland's northwestern borders whole-heartedly love, fully trust and resolutely support Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and the Party Central Committee headed by him. We will resolutely hit at anyone who opposes the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng!

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, practiced revisionism and splittism, and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies in a futile attempt to usurp Party and state power, subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat of our country, restore

capitalism, and capitulate to [illegible]. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They are wolves that eat human flesh and drink human blood and are the sworn enemies of the Chinese people and the revolutionary people of the whole world. They have stopped at nothing in doing evil and committed numerous crimes. They deserve more than capital punishment. The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique is the root of all evils. If the "four pests" were not removed, the Party would know no peace. Should they succeed in their counter-revolutionary plot, the revolutionary achievements which the Chinese people have scored under Chairman Mao's leadership by sacrificing their lives and shedding their blood would be lost, the people of all nationalities would [illegible] become the slaves of landlords, financial overlords and capitalists, [illegible] millions of heads would roll in the dust. We [illegible] socialism, and we know most clearly the deep suffering of the people in the Soviet Union since capitalism was restored in that country. We [illegible] ground our teeth and were infuriated at and [illegible] activities of Wang, Chang, Chiang, Yao [illegible] careerists and conspirators. We have long anticipated the day when they will be swept into the dustbin of history. Now this day has come. [illegible] carrying out Chairman Mao's behests and representing the [illegible] interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of [illegible] nationalities throughout the country, the Party Central Committee headed by Hua Kuo-feng has crushed the anti-Party "gang of four," rid the Party and country of big traitors, rid the people of a big evil, [illegible] a hidden danger, thereby saving [illegible] serious disaster for our country [illegible] the people. The people are very [illegible] worthy of its reputation as a [illegible] Chairman Mao himself, as a political [illegible] correct party. The Party Central Committee [illegible] is of one heart with the whole [illegible] nationalities throughout the country.

While warmly celebrating the great historic victory scored by our Party, we all the commanders and fighters [illegible] Units guarding the western gate of [illegible] Hua and the Party Central Committee [illegible] Central Committee headed [illegible] Party Central Committee in all [illegible] as the key link, adhere to [illegible] the revolution under the [illegible] principles of "practice Marxism, and not re[illegible]d don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't [illegible] in studying the works of [illegible] resolutely implement [illegible] We will and clear-cut stand [illegible] take a firm Chang-Chiang-Yao [illegible] the Wang- of the "gang of four" [illegible] towering crimes back the Right [illegible]p'ing and beat unity within the [illegible] strengthen between the army [illegible] government, consolidate and develop the gains of the great cultural revolution. We will

resolutely implement the great policy of "grasping revolution, promoting production and other work and preparedness against war," make still greater efforts to do our work well in all fields, and develop the excellent situation. We will heighten our vigilance, resolutely suppress the sabotage activities by class enemies at home, strengthen preparedness against war, and be ready at all times to smash surprise attacks and sinister subversive and sabotage activities of Soviet revisionism, so that the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng need not worry. We all the commanders and fighters are determined to give our blood and lives to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua and to defend the great socialist motherland!

The CCP Committee of the PLA Sinkiang Units

October 22, 1976

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Message of Salute from PLA Chengtu Units

Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee, and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

We Party committees at all levels and commanders and fighters of the PLA Chengtu Units most whole-heartedly and resolutely support the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission, and warmly hail the great victory in shattering the scheme of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power. This great historical victory has created an unexcelled jubilation among the troops of the military region and all commanders and fighters are now in festive mood. The mountains and rivers in Szechwan sing in unison and the Tibet Highland smiles. Everywhere is a scene of joy. The Party, the army and the people are truly delighted.

The great leader and teacher Chairman Mao not only charted for our Party a Marxist-Leninist line, but also selected Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as his successor and wrote to Comrade Hua Kuo-feng in his own handwriting "With you in charge, I am at ease," expressing his boundless trust in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. At the crucial moment of the Chinese revolution after Chairman Mao passed away, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng carried out Chairman Mao's behests, represented the fundamental interests and common wishes of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country and, with the great resolve of the proletariat, adopted wise and resolute measures to smash by one blow the sinister conspiracy of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby saving the revolution, the Party and the state and enabling our Party, our army and the Chinese people of all nationalities to advance triumphantly along the course of revolution charted by Chairman Mao. The practice of the struggle has enabled us to realize clearly that Chairman Mao's cause has worthy successors and our Party has now a reliable helmsman and has its leader in Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. This is an important matter of great historical significance to the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities of the country. We the broad masses of commanders and fighters of the whole military region have boundless faith in, firmly support and truly love the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng. We are fully confident in the bright future of communism.

away, made a wise decision and arrangement to resolve the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao problem. For a long time, Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan had formed the "gang of four," stubbornly rejected Chairman Mao's criticism and education, wantonly opposed our great leader Chairman Mao, opposed premier Chou En-lai, opposed Chairman Mao's proposal on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as [illegible] the Party Central Committee headed by Comrade [illegible] Chairman Mao's three basic principles, willfully tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, [illegible] opposed Chairman Mao's revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international issues, and went all out to practice revisionism and splittism and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies under the signboard of Marxism and Leninism. They stretched their hands everywhere, fanned up evil winds and fires, fabricated rumors to confuse the masses, and created disturbances everywhere. They exalted those who bowed before them and condemned those who were against them. They did what they wished, lorded over others, worshipped things foreign and fawned on foreigners, maintained illicit foreign relations, and wrecked the country and ruined the people. Their crimes were extremely heinous. Their way was the way of Khrushchev, their deeds were counter-revolutionary evils and the line they followed was a counter-revolutionary, revisionist and ultra-Rightist line. The "gang of four" is a malicious and ruthless gang of pests and a gang of restorationists. They are out-and-out capitulationists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie in the Party who deeply hated the workers, peasants and soldiers. They are unrepentant capitalist-roaders still travelling on the capitalist road who sucked the blood of the laboring people. They are a gang of bourgeois careerists and conspirators of the Lin Piao type. They totally forfeited popular sympathy and were extremely isolated. Our struggle against the "gang of four" is a life-and-death struggle between the two classes, the two roads and the two lines. If their scheme had succeeded, it would have meant serious disaster for the Chinese people. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng adopted timely and [illegible] revolutionary restorationist scheme of the "gang of four." This has rid the Party of a hidden danger, and [illegible] the grievances of the people. This is of great immediate and far-reaching historical significance for us in adhering [illegible] preventing revisionism, consolidating [illegible] proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration, building socialism, upholding the proletarian internationalist principles and implementing Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies in foreign affairs. The great victory won in this struggle fully shows that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party. It fully shows that the decisions made by the great leader Chairman Mao before he passed away were extremely wise!

We pledge to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua [illegible] the resolute leadership of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, firmly observe the three main rules of discipline and eight points of attention, and obey the orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions. In response to the call of the Party Central Committee, we will start a new upsurge in studying

the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, keep to the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," thoroughly uncover and criticize the towering crimes of the "gang of four" in usurping Party and state power, and resolutely fight against the "gang of four" to the end. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing, repulse the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the victorious gains of the great cultural revolution. We will persist in taking class struggle as the key link, keep to the Party's basic line and persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat. We will firmly implement Chairman Mao's proletarian line of army building, strengthen army building, border defense and militia building, and cement the unity between the army and the government and between the army and the people. We will heighten vigilance a hundredfold, do a good job in preparedness against war, resolutely hit at the sabotage and disturbances of the class enemies, be ready at all times to wipe out all enemies who dare to intrude, and fully play our role as the pillar of the dictatorship of the proletariat. We pledge to defend the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, defend the dictatorship of the proletariat, defend our great socialist motherland and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

The CCP Committee and all commanders and fighters of the PLA Chengtu Units

October 24, 1976

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Message of Salute from PLA Kunming Units

Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee:

Red flags flutter on the Yunling and Wumeng Mountains; the vast borders are a scene of joy. For days, all the commanders and fighters of the PLA Kunming Units, filled with revolutionary pride and the joy of victory, have conscientiously studied the Party Central Committee's decisions and instructions and held meetings and demonstrations to warmly hail the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission and warmly hail the great victory in shattering the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. From offices to companies and from cities to sentry boxes on the borders, everyone laughs to his heart's content and everywhere is a revolutionary scene of unity, militancy and victory.

We resolutely support the resolution adopted on October 7, 1976 by the CCP Central Committee on the appointment of Comrade Hua Kuo-feng as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and Chairman of its Military Commission. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng was selected by the great leader Chairman Mao himself to be his successor. After Chairman Mao passed away, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng carried out Chairman Mao's behests, represented the fundamental interests and common aspiration of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country, and adopted

resolute measures to smash by one blow the criminal conspiracy of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique to usurp Party and state power, thereby saving the revolution and the Party and rendering outstanding merits to the Chinese revolution and the world revolution. We whole-heartedly support and are fully confident in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng--who Chairman Mao had boundless trust in and the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country love from the bottom of their hearts--as the leader of our Party. Our Party and state have a reliable helmsman in advancing along the revolutionary course charted by Chairman Mao.

We indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique. They are a gang of counter-revolutionary revisionists, bourgeois careerists and conspirators hiding in our Party, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, and unrepentant capitalist-roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. They madly opposed the great leader Chairman Mao, opposed the respected and beloved Premier Chou, opposed the respected and beloved Comrade Hua Kuo-feng and other leading comrades of the central organs, and betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. They formed an anti-Party faction to wantonly practice revisionism and splittism and engage in intrigues and conspiracies. They bitterly hated the People's Liberation Army founded and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, tried their utmost to belittle, malign and slander the great people's army, negated our army's revolutionary tradition, undermined army building and militia building, and deliberately plotted to confuse and crush our army. They worshiped things foreign and fawned on foreigners, maintained illicit foreign relationship, and unscrupulously practiced capitulationism and national betrayal. Right after Chairman Mao died when the eyes of the 800 million people were still brimming with tears, the "gang of four" impatiently came out into the open and vainly attempted to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They committed too many crimes to be enumerated. Their crimes are inexpiable and deserve more than death. The crushing of the anti-Party "gang of four" has rid the Party of a hidden danger, rid the country of pests and redressed the grievances of the people. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their approval; this has greatly increased their confidence and boost their morale. This is a great victory for the great proletarian cultural revolution and for Mao Tsetung Thought. This is of great immediate importance and far-reaching historical significance for us in keeping to the Party's basic line, combating and preventing revisionism, consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat, preventing capitalist restoration, building socialism, persisting in the principles of proletarian internationalism and carrying out Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policy in foreign affairs. This great historic victory fully shows that our Party is worthy of its reputation as a party founded, tempered and nurtured by Chairman Mao himself, as a politically mature Marxist-Leninist party and as a great, glorious and correct party. Our Party has a bright future and has worthy successors. Anyone who tries to crush our Party is bound to fail.

At this time of rejoicing throughout the country, we solemnly pledge on behalf of all the commanders and fighters of the PLA Kunming Units! We are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee

headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, obey orders of the Party Central Committee in all our actions, fight wherever the Party Central Committee needs us, and defy death to defend Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

We will start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works, study and apply what we learn in the course of struggle, carry out Chairman Mao's behests, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat, uphold the basic principles of "practice Marxism, and not revisionism; unite, and don't split; be open and aboveboard, and don't intrigue and conspire," and carry the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao through to the end.

We will thoroughly expose and criticize the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique, thoroughly repudiate their counter-revolutionary revisionist line, and eradicate its poisonous influence. We will continue to criticize Teng Hsiao-p'ing and beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts. We will energetically support the new socialist things, consciously restrict bourgeois rights, and consolidate and develop the gains of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

We will resolutely implement Chairman Mao's proletarian line in army building, strengthen army building and militia building, sing and propagandize the three revolutionary songs, "Internationale," "Three Main Rules of Discipline and Eight Points for Attention" and "The East Is Red," strengthen the sense of organization and discipline among the troops, and constantly raise our army's fighting capacity. We will respect the centralized leadership of the local Party committees and strengthen unity between the army and the government and between the army and the people. We will heighten our vigilance, strengthen preparedness against war, be strictly on guard against sabotage and disturbances by class enemies at home and abroad, guard well the southwestern gate of the motherland, "grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," do our work still better in all fields, take concrete actions to support the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, and resolutely carry the struggle against the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao anti-Party clique through to the end!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

The CCP Committee of the PLA Kunming Units

October 24, 1976

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Letter of Salute from Patriotic Compatriots of Taiwan Province

Chairman Hua and the Party Central Committee:

We patriotic compatriots of Taiwan province are very excited to gather in Peking today to warmly celebrate Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's appointment as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and its Military Commission! We also warmly celebrate the great victory in smashing the conspiracy of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing, and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. We patriotic compatriots of Taiwan province are so elated that we hail most warmly: Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party! Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua: The Party Central Committee headed by you is of one heart with the people of the whole country. Its decisions on the building of the memorial hall for our great leader and teacher Chairman Mao and on the publication of Selected Works of Mao Tsetung and the preparations for publication Collected Works of Mao Tsetung fully express the aspiration of us patriotic compatriots of Taiwan Province. The resolute measure taken to smash by one blow the conspiracy of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" to usurp Party and state power has saved our Party and state and fully represents the fundamental interests of the whole Party, the whole army and the people of all nationalities throughout the country. This will facilitate the further development of the excellent situation in socialist revolution and construction in China and advance the cause of liberating Taiwan and unifying the motherland. This is also a heavy blow at imperialism, revisionism and reaction the world over which are hostile to our Party and country and a heavy blow to the reactionary, traitorous Chiang Ching-kuo clique as well!

The Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao clique had long refused to heed what Chairman Mao said, deliberately tampered with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, opposed Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line on a series of domestic and international questions and his basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts," and practiced revisionism in the guise of Marxism. Forming a "gang of four," they put themselves above Chairman Mao and the Party Central Committee, practiced splittism, and engaged in intrigues and conspiracies in an attempt to restore capitalism in China and subvert the dictatorship of the proletariat, thereby bringing a serious bane to the cause of the Party. They are typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party, unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road, and the most vicious enemies of the people of all nationalities throughout the country including our Taiwan compatriots. If their conspiracy were allowed to succeed, our Party would have turned revisionist, our country would have changed its color, and the sacred great cause of liberating Taiwan and unifying the motherland would suffer frustrations. What a gloomy scene this would bring to our 15 million fresh-and-blood compatriots who are hoping for liberation day and night! However, the gang of four had exhausted their efforts to do everything evil. They totally forfeited popular sympathy. The vast numbers of revolutionary cadres and people have long discerned their actions and hated them in heart.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua: It was the Party Central Committee headed by you which carried out Chairman Mao's behests and took wise and decisive actions to ferret out the "gang of four" anti-Party clique, tear off their masks, expose their true features before the world, and eliminate a big bane for the Party and the country. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval. On behalf of 16 million compatriots residing in Taiwan province, we warmly hail the great victory in smashing the anti-Party conspiracy of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan and sincerely pay our highest revolutionary tribute to the Party Central Committee headed by you.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua, the compatriots residing in Taiwan province under the oppression of the Chiang gang are eagerly yearning for liberation! We will never forget our great leader Chairman Mao's boundless solicitude for Taiwan compatriots. Although Chairman Mao has left us forever, his solemn call "Taiwan must be liberated" will always inspire us to advance courageously along the course charted by him. Like the people of all nationalities throughout the country, we rejoice over and have boundless faith in your appointment as the Chairman of the Party and as our leader in accordance with the arrangements made by Chairman Mao before he died because the Party now has the worthy successor to its cause and is thriving. We are filled with boundless confidence in accomplishing the sacred cause of liberating Taiwan and unifying the motherland.

Esteemed and beloved Chairman Hua, we are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by you, obey its orders in all our actions, conscientiously study Chairman Mao's works, adhere to his proletarian revolutionary line, and uphold the basic principles of "three dos and three don'ts." We pledge to persist in taking class struggle as the key link, deepen the criticism of Teng Hsiao-p'ing, beat back the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, grasp revolution, promote production and other work, and promote preparedness against war. We also pledge to penetratingly expose and criticize the towering counter-revolutionary crimes of the bourgeois conspirators and careerists--Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan--and wage a resolute struggle against them. We vow to carry out Chairman Mao's behests, work hard to fulfill the great task of liberating Taiwan and unifying the motherland, and carry through to the end the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao.

Patriotic compatriots of Taiwan province

October 23, 1976

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Message of Salute From Shanghai Militia to Chairman Hua, the Party Central Committee and Its Military Commission

(Peking Jen-min Jih-pao Nov. 3, 1976)

Red flags flutter in the wind on both sides of the Huangpu River, and millions of people sing in jubilation. In the past few days, we, one million militiamen in Shanghai, together with the armymen and civilians throughout the municipality, have warmly celebrated Comrade Hua Kuo-feng's assumption to office as Chairman of the CCP Central Committee and of its Military Commission and hailed the great victory in smashing the scheme of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan to usurp Party and state power. We resolutely support the decision of the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua on the appointment of Comrade Su Chen-hua concurrently as First Secretary of the CCP Shanghai Municipal Committee and Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee, Comrade Ni Chih-fu Concurrently as Second Secretary of the CCP Shanghai Municipal Committee and First Vice Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee, and Comrade P'eng Ch'ung as Third Secretary of the CCP Shanghai Municipal Committee and Second Vice Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee. We resolutely support the decision of the Party Central Committee on the dismissal of Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Yao Wen-yuan and Wang Hung-wen from all the posts they held inside and outside the Party in Shanghai.

With great excitement and jubilation, we 100,000 Shanghai militiamen are now holding a mammoth rally and demonstration in the People's Square. We warmly hail that our Party again has its own leader and our army again has its own supreme commander in Comrade Hua Kuo-feng. We indignantly condemn the towering crimes of the anti-Party "gang of four."

Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has become the supreme leader of our Party, our army and our country in accordance with the wise arrangements the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao made in his lifetime. The period after the beginning of this year was the most difficult period since the founding of new China, because there were serious natural disasters and the "four pests" were rampant. It was Comrade Hua Kuo-feng who, under the wise leadership of Chairman Mao, withstood the adverse current, countered interference, overcame difficulties and correctly and appropriately handled a series of important domestic and international questions. After the passing away of the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao, it was the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng that carried out Chairman Mao's behests, defended Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought and promptly made the wise decisions on the establishment of a memorial hall for Chairman Mao and on the publication of the Selected Works of Mao Tsetung and preparations for the publication of the Collected Works of Mao Tsetung. At the critical historical moment when our Party and state faced the danger of turning revisionist and changing their nature, it was the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng that, with the great boldness of a proletarian revolutionary, smashed at one blow the criminal plot of the "gang of four" to usurp Party and state

power, thus saving the revolution and the Party, winning a decisive victory in the counter-attack launched by the proletariat on the bourgeoisie, avoiding a big regression in Chinese history and averting a catastrophe for the Chinese people. By leading our Party from danger to safety through tempestuous storms, Comrade Hua Kuo-feng has demonstrated his lofty qualities, outstanding ability, revolutionary boldness and brilliant farsightedness as leader of our Party. Comrade Hua Kuo-feng is worthy of being the successor selected by Chairman Mao himself, worthy of being the man at the helm who can push forward the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao and worthy of being the wise leader of the Chinese Communist Party founded by Chairman Mao. We warmly hail that the proletarian revolutionary cause pioneered by Chairman Mao has a worthy successor and is thriving and advancing continuously.

We indignantly condemn the towering crimes of the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao "gang of four" in attempting to usurp Party and state power. They betrayed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, refused to follow Chairman Mao's teachings, tampered with Chairman Mao's directives and practiced revisionism under the signboard of Marxism. They recruited deserters and renegades, formed a gang to serve their own selfish interests, established their own system inside the Party, split the Party and attempted to change the proletarian nature of our Party. They went all out to engage in intrigues and conspiracies, spread rumors to deceive the masses, fabricated accusations against good people and attempted to overthrow a large number of leading party, government and army comrades in the central organs and various localities and to usurp the supreme leadership of the Party and the state. They are a handful of conspirators and careerists, typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the Party and unrepentant capitalist roaders still traveling on the capitalist road. The anti-Party "gang of four" carried out a series of anti-Party conspiratorial activities in Shanghai behind the back of Chairman Mao, the Party Central Committee and the armymen and civilians in Shanghai and attempted to turn Shanghai into their position for subverting the dictatorship of the proletariat and restoring capitalism. They tried by hook or by crook to sabotage militia building so as to turn the Shanghai militia into their instrument for usurping Party and state power. They still tried to put up stubborn resistance and wage a last-ditch struggle when they were at the verge of destruction. We one million militiamen of Shanghai have long discerned the perverse actions of the "gang of four" and hated them in our hearts. The "gang of four" is the most vicious enemy of the armymen and civilians throughout the country and of us one million Shanghai militiamen and the Shanghai armymen and civilians as well. Carrying out Chairman Mao's behests, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng removed the "four pests" for us. This is much to the satisfaction of the people and has won their full approval. The Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua is of one heart with us Shanghai militiamen. We warmly hail the great victory in smashing the "gang of four." We will resolutely fight the "gang of four" to the finish and will never stop till complete victory.

Under the leadership of the CCP Shanghai Municipal Committee, we are determined to rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and obey its orders in all our actions. We will carry out Chairman Mao's behests, persist in taking class struggle as the key link, adhere to the Party's basic line, persevere in continuing the revolution

under the dictatorship of the proletariat, start a new upsurge in studying the works of Marx and Lenin and Chairman Mao's works and thoroughly repudiate the counter-revolutionary crimes of the "gang of four." We will go on criticizing Teng Hsiao-p'ing and repulsing the Right deviationist attempt to reverse verdicts, and consolidate and develop the great victories of the great proletarian cultural revolution. Following the great leader and teacher Chairman Mao's teaching "Organize contingents of the people's militia on a big scale," we will step up the work of militia building, further cement the unity between the army and the militia, strictly observe "the three main rules of discipline and the eight points for attention" and protect the interests of the people. We will carry out the principle "Grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war," safeguard public law and order, consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat and be ready at all times to cooperate with the People's Liberation Army in smashing all sabotage and disturbances by the class enemies at home and abroad. We are full of confidence in our struggle to defend Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line, the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua and our great socialist motherland.

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great, glorious and correct Chinese Communist Party!

The rally of Shanghai militiamen who rally most closely round the Party Central Committee headed by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and indignantly denounce the towering crimes of the anti-Party clique of Wang Hung-wen, Chang Ch'un-ch'iao, Chiang Ch'ing and Yao Wen-yuan

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